

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

November 9, 2025; 9 a.m.



St John's
Lutheran Church

(An usher rings the church bell at 8:55 a.m.)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

(Acolytes light the candles)

Linda Ranney

Gathering Hymn *(please stand)*

ELW #636; *How Small Our Span of Life*, vs. 1-3

- 1 How small our span of life, O God,
 our years from birth till death:
 a single beat within the heart,
 the catching of a breath,
 a drop within the ocean's deep,
 a grain upon the shore,
 a flash of light before we sleep
 to see the sun no more.

- 2 And yet our speck of life is spanned
 by your infinity;
 our tick of time on earth is caught
 in your eternity.
 While suns and stars spin endlessly
 through depths of cosmic space,
 while aeons roll and ages pass,
 you hold us in your grace.

- 3 O Christ, you left eternity
 to plunge in time's swift stream,
 to share the shortness of our span,
 our mortal lives redeem.
 You filled your cross-closed years with love;
 you loved us to the end
 and touch us with your risen life

that ours may time transcend.

Apostolic Greeting

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

And also with you.

Kyrie

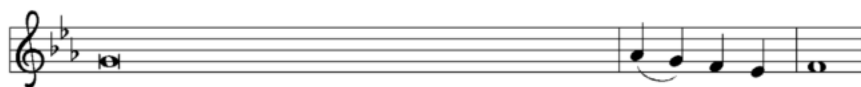
ELW Setting 1, p.98



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, 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 worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, **our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

Reading: Job 19:23-27a *(please sit)*

²³ “O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
^{27a} whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation

through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Word of God. Word of Life.

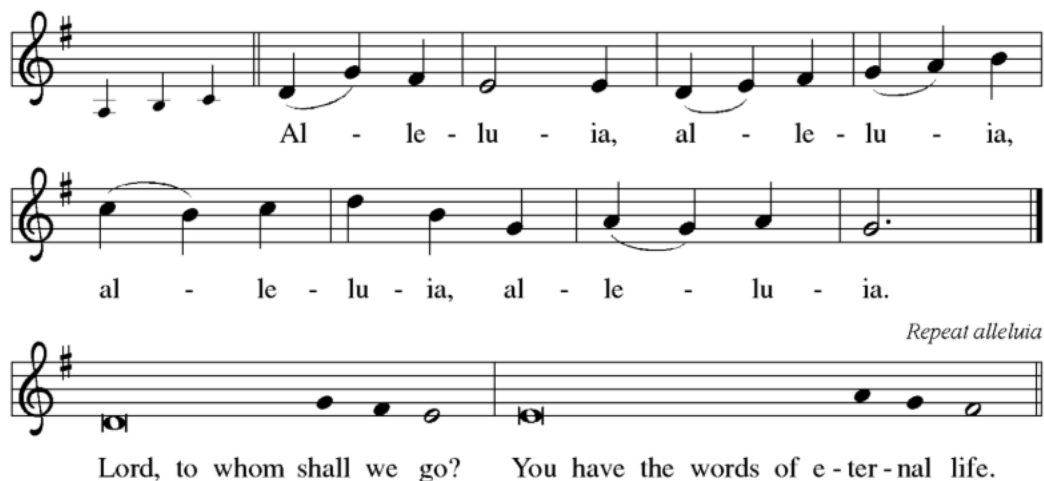
Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

Guest: Bryan Willkom from *JesusFit*

Gospel Acclamation (*please stand*)

ELW Setting 1; p. 102



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel: Mark 4:30-38

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 4th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it

grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Message *(please sit)*

Guest: Bryan Willkom, from *JesusFit*

Hymn of the Day *(please stand)*

ELW #619; *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*, vs. 1, 2, 4, 8

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living head!
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above;
he lives to rule his church in love.
- 4 He lives to silence all my fears;
he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart;
he lives all blessings to impart.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Hailey Jo Birtzer, daughter of Ana & Christopher Birtzer
Sponsors: John & Susan Birtzer

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us

from sin and death and raises us to new life in Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

(parents, child, and sponsors gather around the font)

Sponsors: We present Hailey Jo Birtzer for the sacrament of holy baptism.

Pastor: Parents, as you bring Hailey to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to fulfill these promises?

Parents: We do.

Pastor: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture **Hailey** in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: We do.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support **Hailey** and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

People: We do.

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that they who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Pastor: **Hailey**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

(Parents lay hands on the head of the newly baptized.)

Sustain **Hailey** with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, now and forever. **Amen.**

(Parents use oil to make the sign of the cross on the forehead of the newly baptized)

Pastor: **Hailey**, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

(Sponsors take the candle and light it using the Christ candle. The candle is to remind us that we carry the light of Christ throughout our baptized life.)

Worship Assistant: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. **Amen.**

Pastor: Let us welcome **Hailey** into the community of faith.

All: We welcome her into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

(The child, parents and sponsors may return to their seats.)

Prayers of the People

Petition: Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always!
And also with you.

Offering

(Ushers take up the collection)

Grace Lifted Me arr. Patti Drennan
St. John's Choir

Offertory (please stand)

(Ushers bring collection forward for acolytes to receive)

ELW #185; *Create In Me*

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

ELW Setting 1; p.107

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

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

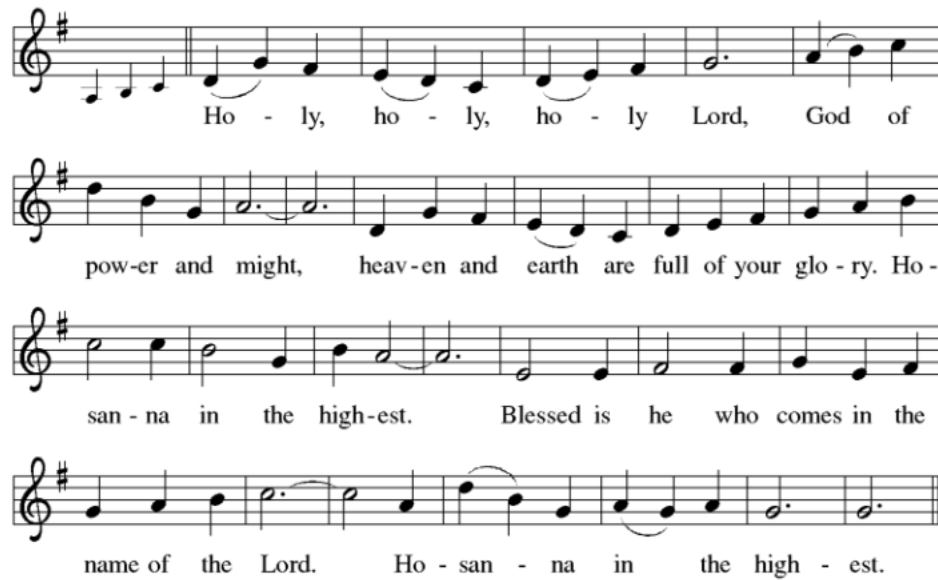
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW Setting 1; p.108



Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

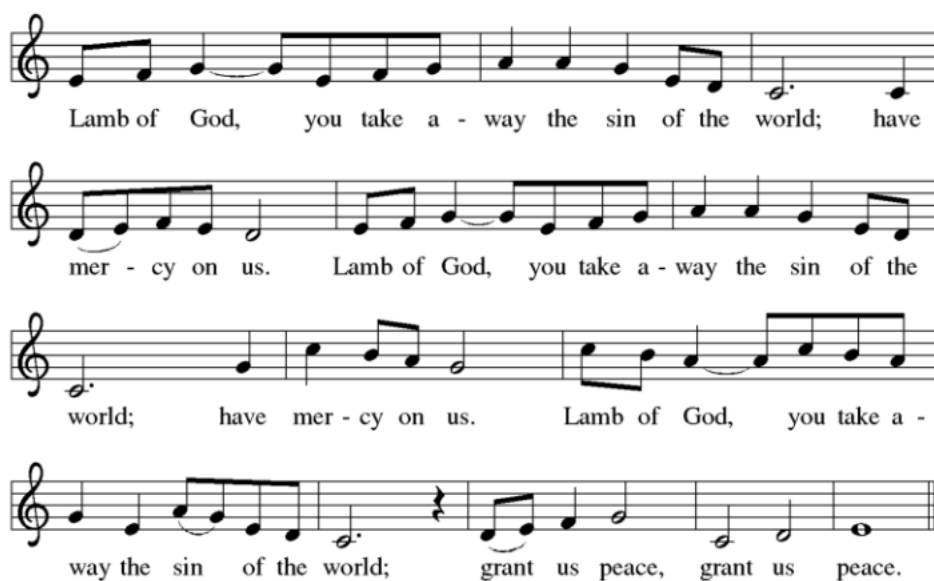
Invitation to the Table

(acolytes prepare for communion distribution; ushers come forward to invite assembly by pew)

There is a place for you at the table of God.
Come, receive the food that does not perish,
a taste of life eternal.

Lamb of God

ELW Setting 1; p.112



Communion Hymn

ELW #490; *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

- 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descending
comes full homage to demand.
- 2 King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heav'nly food.
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way;
as the Light of light, descending
from the realms of endless day,
comes, the pow'rs of hell to vanquish,

as the darkness clears away.

- 4 At his feet the six-winged seraph,
cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer *(please stand)*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray. God of field and flower, **wheat and grape,**
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven
that gives life to the world.

Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who
hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.
Amen.

New Member Welcome

Benediction

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.
The holy Trinity bless you ✙
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

(Acolytes extinguish the candles)

ACS #950; *When The Saints Go Marching In* vs. 1, 2, 5

- 1 Oh, when the saints go marching in,
oh, when the saints go marching in,

- O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.
- 2 Oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the Lord in glory comes.
- 5 And on that hallelujah day,
and on that hallelujah day,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
on that hallelujah day.

Sending

Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Linda Ranney

Serving at Worship Today

Presider	Pastor Christine Emerson
Assistant	Eric Nielsen
Lector	Jim Boulter
Acolytes	Emory Hanson, Lauren Leonardson
Ushers	Bryan Sedlander, Sam Pederson
Greeters	Norb Kirk, Larry Schaefer
Communion Servers	Ramona Sedlander, Kathy Freitag, Jessica Peuse, Samuel Peuse
Media & Streaming	Scott Olsen
Screen Operator	Brett Isaacson
Musicians	Linda Ranney, piano/organ; Mark Lundin, Director of Music; St. John's Choir

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