



**St. John's Lutheran Church ☩ 9th Sunday After Pentecost
August 7, 2022 Facebook Live 8:15 a.m.,
In-Person 8:15 and 10:00 a.m.**

Welcome to our worship service this morning. Thank you for our shared ministry to the Gospel and your continued love for your church as we continue to be a "Fountain of Life Flowing into a River of Compassion for the world."

Prelude - *"Though I May Speak with Angel's Tongue"* arr. Turner, Jon Shimoda

Welcome & Announcements

Temple Talk – Youth Mission Trip Group

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" ELW#771 v.1-3

1 God, who stretched the spangled heavens infinite in time and place, flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space: we, your children in your likeness, share inventive pow'rs with you; great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.

2 We have ventured worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our race; known the ecstasy of winging through untraveled realms of space; probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined pow'r, facing us with life's destruction or our most triumphant hour.

3 As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew: children of creative purpose, serving others, hon'ring you. May our dreams prove rich with promise; each endeavor well begun; great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.

The 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

Leader: In peace, in peace, let us pray to the

Response: Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the Reign of God, and for peace through-out the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the

Response: Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the

Response: Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Help, save, and defend us, O God.

Response: Amen

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, **you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 33:12-22

- ¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!
Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!
- ¹³**The LORD looks down from heaven,
and sees all humankind.**
- ¹⁴God sits firmly enthroned and watches
all who dwell on the earth.
- ¹⁵**God fashions all their hearts
and observes all their deeds.**
- ¹⁶A king is not saved by the size of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.
- ¹⁷**The horse gives vain hope for victory;
despite its great strength it cannot save.**
- ¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,
- ¹⁹**to deliver their lives from death,
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**
- ²⁰Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD,
our helper and our shield.
- ²¹**Surely, our heart rejoices in you,
for in your holy name we put our trust.**
- ²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we place our hope in you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:32-40

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus said: ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down

to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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

Message: “Worry Machine” Christine Emerson

Hymn of the Day- “Have No Fear Little Flock” ELW#764 v. 1-4

1 Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flock, for the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom; have no fear, little flock!

2 Have good cheer, little flock; have good cheer, little flock, for the Father will keep you in his love forever; have good cheer, little flock!

3 Praise the Lord high above; praise the Lord high above, for he stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you; praise the Lord high above!

4 Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God, for he stays close beside you, in all things works with you; thankful hearts raise to God!

Apostle’s Creed (*please stand*)

With the whole Church, let us confess our faith:

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

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your church. Fill all who proclaim the gospel with your Spirit. Equip your flock to speak your word of promise and hope in the midst of fear and uncertainty. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your creation. Dwell among us and sustain our earthly home. In places of famine, provide nourishment. In places of plenty, fashion us to be good stewards of your bounty. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your world. Be our helper and our shield in places torn by strife and violence (*especially*). Raise up courageous leaders to govern with compassion and justice. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your children. Look upon all who wait for your steadfast love. Console those who grieve and embrace those who cry out to you (*especially*). Help us to trust your promise and not be afraid. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon this community. Fashion our hearts to strive for the way of peace. Strengthen the outreach ministries of this congregation (*specific ministries may be named*) and all who care for those in need. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

With thanksgiving we remember all who have died in faith and now rest in you. As they placed their hope in you, so strengthen us to trust in your promise of new life. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you. (*Please stand to share peace while staying in your pew.*)

Offering – *“Thou Traveler Unknown”* arr. Turner, Jon Shimoda

Offertory – “As The Grains of Wheat” ELW # 465 v.1-2 (Please Stand)

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain*

2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you. *Refrain*

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. God of abundance: **you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 God thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as our Savior taught us:

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 Communion (Please Sit)

Sending Hymn – “Lord of All Hopefulness” ELW #765 v. 1, 2, 3

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy: be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace: be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Sending

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude – “Lord of All Hopfulness” arr. Turner, Jon Shimoda

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Altar Flowers: In memory of Marcie Tulkki on our anniversary by Burt Tulkki.

Serving at worship today:

Pastors- Rev. Julie Brenden, Rev. Christine Emerson

Ushers- (8:15) Lynn Yolitz, Randy Lundblad (10:00) Kurt Kjelstad, Norb Kirk

Communion Servers- (8:15) Cheryl Mattison, Eric Nielsen (10:00) Sandy Huebscher,

Lector – (8:15) Kathy Freitag (10:00) Penny Erickson

Camera System- (10:00) Scott Olsen

Power Point- (8:15) Adriane DeMoe (10:00) Maxx Christopherson

Musicians- Roxanne Litchfield, piano/organ; Jon Shimoda, Bass