



Lutheran Church

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10:00 am



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

“St. John will do whatever it takes for the sake of God’s Kingdom.”

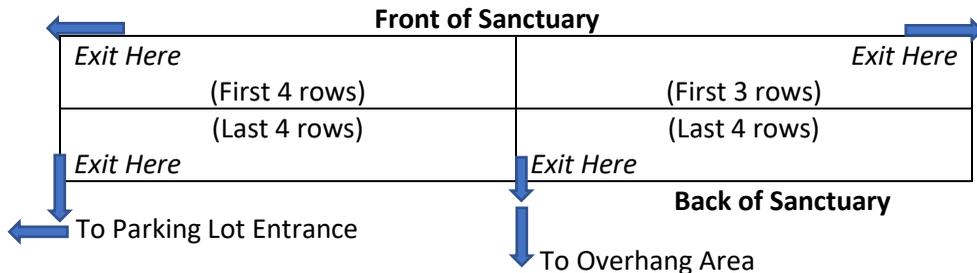
We accomplish this by:

RELY(ing) on God; **RELATE** (ing) to each other as Christ taught;
RESPOND (ing) to His grace with the help of the Holy Spirit

COVID-19 Worship Guidelines

Welcome to St. John! During these challenging times we have tried to create a worship experience that helps us worship in a safe manner and is considerate and loving of our fellow believers in Christ. We do ask that you adhere to a few guidelines that are in place for your safety as well as the safety of others around you. We ask, regardless of your opinion on these difficult issues, to follow the guidelines listed below:

- Please use hand sanitizer when entering the building.
- Please wear a mask for your safety and others.
- Please stay socially distanced in your selection of seating and please allow room for others who arrive later, by moving toward the middle section of the pew.
- We ask that you don’t sing, but hum or mouth the words as they are sung by our music leaders. If you do want to sing, please wear your mask in consideration of others.
- For Holy Communion make sure your used all-in-one communion cup and any other trash is placed in your baggies and discarded in the trash can when you exit the building.
- Please adhere to our exit strategy below:



Thank you for following these simple guidelines. We appreciate your understanding and your consideration of others as we navigate through these trying and difficult times.

If You Are a Visitor:

We thank you for worshipping with us today! If you would like to be part of our daily distribution of devotions and prayers from our Elders, please fill out the form at the back of this bulletin and leave it on your seat. If you do not have a writing implement available, we do have some pencils located on a table in the Narthex. You can fill the form out there and place it in the basket when complete. Thank you and you are always free to speak to the Pastor after the service or you can email him any questions you may have considering the ministry of St. John at pstrcosgrove@comcast.net



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 13, 2020
10:00 am



PRELUDE

“O Zion Haste”
“Lord of All Good”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Congregation Stands

OPENING SONG

“I Surrender All”

(words on screen)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

Silence for self-examination.

P Together:

C I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

P The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by



His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Congregation Is Seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 33:7-9

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

EPISTLE

Romans 13:1-12

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are

ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. ⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Congregation Stands

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:1-20

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. ⁷“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. ¹⁰“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more



than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. ¹⁵"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Congregation is Seated

HYMN

"Thine Forever, God of Love"

#687, vs 1-4



1 Thine for - ev - er, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne a - bove;
 2 Thine for - ev - er! Oh, how blest They who find in Thee their rest!
 3 Thine for - ev - er, Lord of Life! Shield us through our earth - ly strife.
 4 Thine for - ev - er! Shep-herd, keep These Thy frail and trem-bling sheep;



Thine for - ev - er may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty!
 Sav - ior, guard - ian, heav'n - ly friend, O de - fend us to the end!
 Thou, the life, the truth, the way, Guide us to the realms of day.
 Safe a - lone be - neath Thy care, Let us all Thy good - ness share.

MESSAGE

God's Greater Story

HYMN**“O Gracious Lord with Love Draw Near”**

#599, vs 1, 4-6



1 O gra - cious Lord, with love draw near To these, Your
 4 Lord, keep them firm in their in - tent To You, Your



chil - dren gath - ered here; The Spir - it's gift in them re -
 Word and Sac - ra - ment. O make them bold, their faith to



new: The gift of faith that clings to You.
 share And make them strong, each cross to bear.

5 O Father, grant that by Your grace
 They may Your will each day embrace;
 With fruits of faith their lives now bless,
 Till they at death Your name confess.

6 Then robed in white before Your throne,
 Your holy saints, by You foreknown—
 Predestined, called, and justified,
 Shall, crowned in light, be glorified.

✠ RITE OF CONFIRMATION ✠**CONFIRMATION PLEDGES***(Confirmands stand in place)***APOSTLES' CREED**

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth.
 And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.**



The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

CONFIRMATION BLESSING AND READING OF THEIR VERSE

Kaitlyn Ryli Boudah
Morgan Earle Ellis
Grace Elana Keough

Brian David Jaksyn Lange
Sebastian Adyson Kage Lange
Grace Anna Masser
Jackson Charles Shellenberger



CONFIRMATION WELCOME

✠ SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR ✠

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P Here recalling how our Lord died, rose again, and ascended to Your right hand, having fulfilled all that was necessary for our redemption, we offer You thanks and praise. Keep us in the fellowship of Your Word and Table until that day when we shall rest from our labors and join the company of Your saints on high. Deliver us from all the enemies of Your Word and defend us in the time of trial that we remain steadfast in persecution and faithful unto death. Lord, lead us into Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Congregation is Seated

AGNUS DEI



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

As the Pastor leads you, reveal each portion of the communion cup and partake of God's grace and forgiveness to you.

✠ WE DEPART IN PEACE ✠

Congregation Stands

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

“Let Us Be Known By Our Love”

(words on screen)

DISMISSAL

P The worship is ended.

C **The service now begins.**

P As we enter the mission field, Relying, Relating, and Responding.

C **Let us do whatever it takes for the sake of God's kingdom. Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

“They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

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MESSAGE NOTES:



St John Lives the **W.I.T.** Principle

"Whatever It Takes" for the sake of God's Kingdom!

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