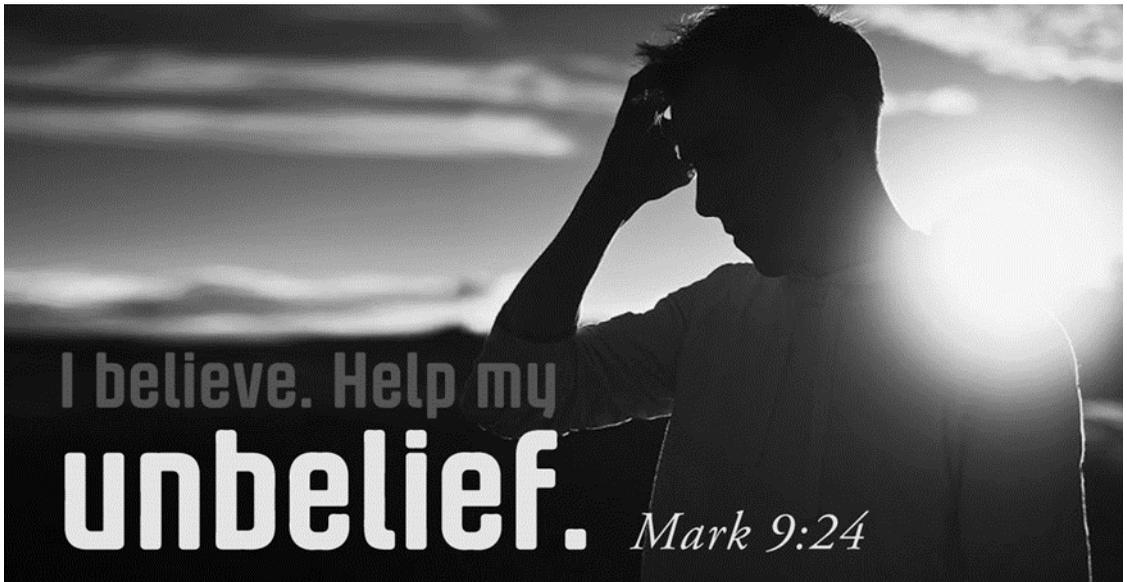




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**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

September 12, 2021
11:00 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

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

Friend, welcome to St. John! This bulletin will lead you through today’s service. Following the service, please introduce yourself to Pastor Cosgrove. We pray God would use today’s worship service to touch your heart with His grace.

HOLY COMMUNION

We invite baptized Christians who acknowledge their sinfulness, trust in Christ as their Savior, and recognize the real presence of Christ’s Body and Blood in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of their sins, to join us for the Lord’s Supper. On **June 6th**, we went back to offering communion at the rail with individual cups for those that want it. The all-in-one communion cups can still be picked up in the Narthex when you arrive for those who do not yet feel comfortable coming to the rail to receive communion.

IF YOU ARE A VISITOR:

We thank you for worshipping with us today! If you would like to be part of our daily email, 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, there are 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.

Large print bulletins are available upon request.

THANK YOU to the Volunteers who served us today.

If you have a special PRAYER REQUEST to be included on our prayer list, please fill out the blue “Prayer Request” card and place it in the wooden offering box.



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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Congregation stands

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Despite all of God's actions on our behalf, we still struggle with sin in our lives. Our tongues still curse. Our feet still stumble. Our ears still listen to lies and vicious gossip. But our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him for restoration, renewal, and forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

P Heavenly Father,

C we have sinned against You and our neighbors in what we have said and what we have left unsaid. We have neglected opportunities to love our neighbors. We have stumbled and fallen again and again. We ask that You restore us, renew us, and forgive us on account of Jesus. Amen.

P Almighty God, in His boundless love sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for our forgiveness and eternal life. Because of Jesus, we are restored, body and soul. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I 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.

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Congregation is seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Daniel 3:13-18

¹³Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought. So they brought these men before the king. ¹⁴Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, “Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up? ¹⁵Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?” ¹⁶Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. ¹⁸But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

EPISTLE READING

Romans 4:13-25

¹³ The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸In hope he believed against hope, that he

should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” ²³But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Congregation stands

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:14-27

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴ When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. ¹⁶And he asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” ¹⁹And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” ²⁰And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. ²²And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” ²³And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.” ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” ²⁵And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” ²⁶And after crying out and convulsing him



terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES’ CREED

(words on screen)

Congregation is seated

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Lydia Woods, DCE Intern

WORSHIP AND PRAISE

“Give Me Faith”

(words on screen)

MESSAGE

Help My Unbelief

WORSHIP AND PRAISE

“Trust in You”

(words on screen)

Congregation stands

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

✠ HOLY EUCHARIST ✠

PREFACE

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

(words on screen)

LORD'S PRAYER

(words on screen)

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

(words on screen)

Congregation is seated

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION SONG

“I Am Not Alone”

Praise Team

✠ WE DEPART IN PEACE ✠

Congregation stands

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

“Glorious Day”

(words on screen)

DISMISSAL

(words on screen)

POSTLUDE

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