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9:00 a.m.

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## WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, trusting in God's mercy. Merciful and gentle God,

**We confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We want you to do whatever we ask of you, but we are unwilling to do what you ask of us. We want to sit beside you in your glory, but we fail to stand beside you in your suffering. Forgive us. Pour out your mercy upon us and wash us clean in your saving grace. Amen.**

Siblings in Christ: by grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus † Christ all your sins are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;  
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light  
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,

who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed;  
 still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,  
 to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;

we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;  
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
 mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
 hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,

con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.  
 by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.  
 stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.  
 that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

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Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Loving God,

You show us the way of servanthood. You have given us much so that we can bless others and not seek gratification for ourselves. Help us to seek your path and keep us in humility so that we can be the light of Christ in the world. In Jesus we pray.

**Amen.**

## **READING: Job 38:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

<sup>2</sup>“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? <sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. <sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. <sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone <sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 104:1-9, 24, 35b**

Bless the LORD, O my soul; O LORD my God, you are very great! You are clothed with majesty and splendor.

**You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak and stretch out the heavens like a tent.**

You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.

**You make the winds your messengers and flames of fire your servants.**

You set the earth upon its foundations, so that from now until forever it shall never be moved.

**You covered it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.**

At your rebuke the waters fled, scattered by your voice of thunder.

**They went up into the mountains and descended down to the valleys, to the place where you assigned them.**

You set the limits that they should not pass; never shall they return to cover the earth again.

**How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah! Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## READING: Hebrews 5:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup>and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**



## **GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup>James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” <sup>39</sup>They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

<sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

The Gospel of The Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

## Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931  
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

## 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

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. Responding to "God of grace," with "hear our prayer."

## PEACE

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

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God is ever faithful and has blessed us with so much. With grateful hearts, let us offer back to God what we have, with love and thanksgiving.

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

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.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927  
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## OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God,  
We offer you these gifts. Multiply them so that they might build your kingdom on earth and be of service to the body of Christ. In Jesus we pray.  
**Amen.**



## GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

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 our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We are here because Jesus has called us – strangers and friends, locals and visitors, believers and doubters, the certain and the curious. All are invited to Christ's table where, in bread and wine, he meets us, and through him we, who are different, are joined to each other. So come now to Christ's banquet.



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, grant us peace.

# Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The accompaniment consists of chords: G2-Bb2-Eb3, G2-Bb2-Eb3, G2-Bb2-Eb3, G2-Bb2-Eb3, G2-Bb2-Eb3, G2-Bb2-Eb3, G2-Bb2-Eb3, and G2-Bb2-Eb3.

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system, ending with a final chord of G2-Bb2-Eb3.

*Refrain*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

The Refrain section begins with a treble and bass staff in B-flat major. The vocal line starts with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The accompaniment consists of chords: G2-Bb2-Eb3, G2-Bb2-Eb3, G2-Bb2-Eb3, G2-Bb2-Eb3, G2-Bb2-Eb3, G2-Bb2-Eb3, G2-Bb2-Eb3, and G2-Bb2-Eb3.

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

The final system continues the melody and accompaniment from the Refrain section, ending with a final chord of G2-Bb2-Eb3.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

## We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.  
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same;  
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love,  
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

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Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune; arr. hymnal version  
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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God,

You have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table.

Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

May the knowledge and love of the one who knit the earth together rest with you and give you strength to help others.

May the healing grace of Christ fill you and give you abundant life.

May the power of the Holy Spirit embolden your call and be with you this day and always.

In the name of the Creator, † Son, and Holy Spirit. One God. **Amen.**

### Will You Come and Follow Me *The Summons*



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't  
your name? Will you care for cruel and  
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?  
kind and nev - er be the same?  
free and nev - er be the same?  
side and nev - er be the same?  
you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be  
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?'  
pray'r in you and you in me?'  
mean in you and you in me?'  
sound in you and you in me?'  
grow in you and you in me.'

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Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional  
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## DISMISSAL

Follow Jesus, giving glory to God alone. **Thanks be to God.**

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**Welcome to all!** Beloved of Christ, welcome to worship, faith education and Christian fellowship this day. May you sense the embrace of God's love through the people you interact with here.

God, you have promised: "When [those who know my name] call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble" (Psalm 91:15, NRSV). I pray for anyone here today who needs this assurance. Amen.

Please remember to silence pagers and cell phones during services.

**To those who are visiting:** Welcome to St. John and thank you for joining us! You are welcome to sign our registry in the narthex.

**Reminder!** If you are in need of Pastoral care, please contact St. John (715) 675-6950

**Holy Communion** is celebrated every Sunday. All are welcome to Christ's Table.

**Food Basket.** Each week you are invited to bring non-perishable grocery items to be given to a local food pantry. Place your gift in the *Shopping Cart* next to the main entrance. **Reminder, food pantries cannot accept expired donations.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Saturday, October 26, from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Confirmation Class Fall Outing!** All confirmation students are invited to join us at Wilkes Dairy Farm.

**Monday, November 4 at 6:30 p.m. the Book Club** will discuss *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni.

**Tuesday, December 10 at 5:00 p.m. St. John's Sisterhood Ladies Christmas Gathering.** Please consider joining the Sisterhood crew for our annual Christmas gathering at 2510 Restaurant. "Happy Hour" starts at 5:00 p.m. with dinner to follow at 5:45 p.m. As per tradition, we will be collecting non-perishable items for the Women's Community (toiletries, toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner, etc.) and holding our annual white elephant gift exchange... so start looking in those storage rooms and basements (this exchange will be held after dinner – don't forget to wrap your 'gift'!).

**St. John Cemetery Association Needs Your Help!** Our cemetery needs your help. If you have family or friends buried at our cemetery, we could use your support. We have many fallen-down stones that require perpetual care. Please reach out to Sara Stubbe for details. If you know of any non-St. John member with family or friends buried here, please share this request. The Association is also looking for lawn care help (about 4 hours/5 times per summer).

**Kwik Trip Gift Cards Sign-up in the Fellowship Hall.** Help support St. John when buying groceries, gas, or getting your car washed at Kwik Trip!

**Men's Breakfast.** Pastor Will from Trinity in Stettin and St. Peter's in Marathon has invited all men from St. John to meet the second Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m. At LC Restaurant, in Marathon (Formerly the Village Inn). The first gathering will be Saturday, September, 14 at 8:00 a.m.

**Live Streaming and Photography Notice.** When you enter a St. John Lutheran Church service or event, you will be entering an area where photography, video and audio recording or live streaming may occur. If you prefer not to be recognized on camera, the back row inside the church is not within viewing distance of a camera and communion will typically be only on a wide shot where it may be difficult to recognize congregants. Parents, please note our children's sermons are being recorded and live streamed. If you do not want your child to be recognized on camera, please refrain from having them participate.

**Coming This Week @ St. John October 20 – October 27**

**Today**

- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School

**October 22**

- 8:30 a.m. Quilting

**October 24**

- 5:30 p.m. 9<sup>th</sup> Graders Rehearsal/Picture for Confirmation Sunday

**October 26**

- 1:00 p.m. Fall Fun @ Wilkes Dairy Farm – Confirmation Class Outing

**October 27**

- 9:00 a.m. Worship & Affirmation of Baptism – 9<sup>th</sup> Graders Confirmed!