

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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Sunday, October 16, 2022  
19th Sunday after Pentecost  
Service of Healing



**Children's Church is in the social room at 9:30 a.m. Please take your child downstairs before worship begins.**

**Introduction of the day**

*Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.*

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**Prelude**

**GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who is eager to forgive  
and who loves us beyond our days.

**Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge  
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness,

**we confess that sin still has a hold on us.**

**We have harmed your good creation.**

**We have failed to do justice,**

**love kindness,**

**and walk humbly with you.**

**Turn us in a new direction.**

**Show us the path that leads to life.**

**Be our refuge and strength on the journey,**

**through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.  
Amen.**

Beloved of God:  
your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole.  
God points the way to new life in Christ,  
who meets us on the road.  
Journey now in God's abiding love  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG: *O Word of God Incarnate 514***

**GREETING**

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

**C: And also, with you.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE: *Day by Day 790***

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.  
**O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear  
our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your  
enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior  
and Lord. Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

L: A reading from Genesis.

**FIRST READING: *Genesis 32:22-31***

*Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and  
his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately  
blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."*

<sup>22</sup>The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children,  
and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise  
everything that he had. <sup>24</sup>Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until  
daybreak. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip  
socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, "Let me go,  
for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>So he said

to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” <sup>28</sup>Then the man said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.” <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.” <sup>31</sup>The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

L: Let us read the Psalm responsively by verse.

### **PSALM: Psalm 121**

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills;

from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup>**My help comes from the LORD,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD will not let your foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, the keeper of Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

<sup>5</sup>the LORD watches over you;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

<sup>6</sup>**the sun will not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD will preserve you from all evil  
and will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

**L: A reading from Second Timothy.**

### **Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14--4:5**

*The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.*

<sup>14</sup>But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

<sup>4:1</sup>In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup>proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound

doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires,<sup>4</sup> and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths.<sup>5</sup> As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION p.142**

*Alleluia Lord to whom shall we go?*

*You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8**

*Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.*

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup>He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup>In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' <sup>4</sup>For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **SERMON**

Service of Healing

Dialog:

Behold, now is the acceptable time;

**now is the day of salvation.**

Return to the Lord, your God,

**who is gracious and merciful,**

**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**  
God forgives you all your sins,  
**and heals all your infirmities.**  
God satisfies you with good things,  
**and your youth is renewed like an eagles.**  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
**and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.**

**P: Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.**

Prayers of Intercession

A: God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

**C: We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

A: God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly.

**C: We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

A: God the Holy Spirit, you make us bodies and temples of your presence;

**C: We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

A: Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

**C: We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

A: Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

**C: Hear us, O Lord of life.**

A: Grant to all who serve, your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

**C: Hear us, O Lord of life.**

A: Mend broken relationships and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

**C: Hear us, O Lord of life.**

A: Bless physicians, nurses and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; especially we remember .....and those we name before you .... (Petitions may be voiced)

**C: Hear us, O Lord of life.**

A: Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

**C: Hear us, O Lord of life.**

A: Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

**C: Hear us, O Lord of life.**

A: You are the Lord who does wonders;

**C: You have declared your power among the nations.**

A: With you, O Lord, is the well of life;

**C: And in your light we see light.**

A: Hear us, O Lord of Life;

**C: Heal us, and make us whole.**

P: Gracious God, in baptism you anointed us with the oil of salvation, and joined us to the death and resurrection of your Son. Bless all who seek your healing presence in their lives. In their suffering draw them more deeply into the mystery of your love, that following Christ in the way of the cross they may know the triumphant power of his resurrection; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

### **Laying On of Hands**

**P:** All who wish to receive the Laying on of Hands and Anointing may come forward at this time. This service is not just for physical healing but a prayer for spiritual and emotional healing and wholeness as well. Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

*Those who wish to receive the Laying on of Hands and be anointed with olive oil may come forward and stand or kneel at the railing. Please stand in single line and hold your hair to the side if your hair comes down over your forehead. The Pastor will make the sign of the cross on your forehead. If you cannot come to the front, tell an usher, who will inform the Pastor so he can come to you.*

### **HYMN OF THE DAY: Healer of Our Every Ill (ELW 612)**

*You are invited to meditate on Psalms 86-92*

*After all have returned to their places, the presiding minister continues.*

*The assembly stands.*

Let us pray.

Living God, through the laying on of hands [and anointing],  
grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing.

When they are afraid, give them courage;  
when afflicted, give them patience;  
when dejected, give them hope;  
and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Responding in Love**

**Our Offerings** *This is our response to God's grace.*

**CHOIR ANTHEM** *Leaning on the Rock of Ages*

*The assembly stands.*

**OFFERTORY**

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit with 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.*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Gracious God,  
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.  
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,  
and make us ready to share with all in need;  
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.  
**Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING** *P.144 (in the beginning of the hymnal)*

**Dialogue**

**Preface by the Pastor**

**Holy Holy Holy**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**Words of Institution**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER P 145** (*in the beginning of the hymnal*)

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Christ invites you to this table.  
Come, taste and see.

**COMMUNION**

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*  
The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*and each person may respond* Amen.

**Communion Song** *Lamb of God You Take Away p.146*

**SONG AFTER COMMUNION** *Jesus, Remember Me*

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*  
*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: God of the abundant table,  
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey.  
Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

**SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

**BLESSING**

God, who gives life to all things  
and frees us from despair,  
bless you with truth and peace.  
And may the holy Trinity, † one God,  
guide you always in faith, hope, and love. Amen.

**SENDING SONG:** *If You But Trust in God to Guide You 769*

## **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Announcements**

We welcome our visitors and ask that you sign a Visitor Attendance and Holy Communion Card that is located in the pew rack. We ask that cards be returned via the offering plate during Communion. We offer two choices for Holy Communion, wine or grape juice. Those worshipers desiring grape juice are asked at the communion rail to place their right hand over their heart after receiving “The Body of Christ.”

**Remember in prayer:** Rowan Aldridge, Dave Barner, Agnes Cryder, Sarah Davidson, Don & Helen Delaney, Mary Ellen Dougherty, Charlie Dunne, Joanne Fisher, Beth Good, Fred Hoffer, Mick Miller, David Mitchell, Mary Lynn Overdorf, Penny Parks-Dean, the Snyder family, and all of our shut-ins.

We also remember in prayer Family Promise; Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton – ELCA; Bishop Craig A. Miller - USS; for our Companion Synods in Liberia and Ansbach-Wurzburg, Germany; and we pray for peace in Ukraine and an end to war.

We pray for the safety of our military troops around the world including Mark Baier, Isaac Boring, Jake Cordrey, Ben Cramer, Trevor and Nehemiah Eberhart, Patrick Hamlin, Paul Laidacker, Kenny Leitch, Steven Moore, Maddison Myers, Tyler O’Neal, Adam Shaffer, Richie Speicher, Aaron Stabley, Paul St. James, and Jenna White. We also lift up in prayer their families who strive to keep a normalcy in the family and continue on often with added stress.

Special thanks to this week’s helper: Lector – Kim Myers; Assisting Ministers— Gary Johnson and Karen Aucker; Head Usher –Shane Snyder; Teller –Dawn McCloskey; Bulletin Sponsor – Jean Ann Snyder; Children’s Church -- Cathy Eisner.

Next week’s helpers: Lector –Deb Heydrich; Assisting Ministers –Joyce Braucht and Carl Schaefer; Head Usher –Shane Snyder; Teller –Dawn McCloskey; Bulletin Sponsor—Jean Ann Snyder; Children’s Church -- ; Flowers -- .

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Dave and Christine Barner.

The Sanctuary Candle is given in memory of her husband Malcolm by Joyce Hudson.

**DONATIONS OF CANDY** are needed for the Halloween Party for the younger children. Please bring your donations next week and put them in the office!

There will be a **WOMEN OF THE CHURCH** meeting after church. Thank you to all who sold, made, and purchased Apple Dumplings! 282 pans were made and a profit of \$793 received.

The Lutheran Church Women's Prayer Chain is a vital ministry of St. John Lutheran. Anyone in need of prayers is asked to contact any of the following persons: Gloria Ely – 570-873-3597 Sarah Davidson - 570-398-0659  
Joyce Braucht - 570-398-2852

**Christian Education** is seeking volunteers to lead Children's Church once a month. If interested please see Cathy Eisner.

**Christian Education Committee's** next meeting is October 17th, at 6:00 pm. We will be meeting regularly the 3rd Monday of the month at 6 pm.

**Music and Worship Hymn Picking.** We welcome you to join us on Monday, October 17 at 10:00 a.m. as we pick hymns for the upcoming months. We meet in the office.

**Fellowship Time.** We invite you to join us for a time of fellowship at the Shore Diner on Wednesday, October 19, at 11:30 a.m. You order off the menu.

Please join us in remembering our members who have entered into the Resurrection Life this past year on November 6:

Leila Hiller December 9, 2021  
Richard Dershem February 19, 2022  
Lower Wagner March 26, 2022

There will be **NO BIBLE STUDY** on Tuesday, October 18. Bible Study will resume on Monday, October 24 at 1:00 p.m. and will continue on Mondays at 1:00 p.m. that way participants are not traveling in the darkness.

**CHURCH TREASURER:** Due to the end-of-the year resignation of Scott Mitchell, we are searching for someone to serve as church treasurer. If you are interested, please talk to Pastor, Bill Ely, or Becky Ward.

The Christian Education Committee is happy to announce that **Adult Sunday School classes has resumed** meeting. The class will be held from 8:30 am – 9:15 am in the Adult Sunday School area and this class is open to everyone. Class materials will be provided to all those who want to participate.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO RESUME NURSERY.** We are in need of adult and teen volunteers to supervise toddlers/babies in the nursery during church. Please contact Molly Hollick, or Ken Daugherty if you would be willing to help out or have any questions. Our hope is to get enough volunteers to have a monthly rotation cycle.

**Fall Cash Sunday** A mailing will be going out soon inviting you to donate to the Fall Cash Sunday Offering November 6. This year's offering will go towards the purchase of a new computer the newest operating system. Your support for Fall Cash Sunday is greatly appreciated.

Mark your calendar! The **Annual Christmas Bazaar** will be December 10, 2022 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**World Food Day Celebration.** Join ELCA World Hunger for a celebration of World Food Day, hosted by Rick Steves and special guest Mark Jansen, CEO of Blue Diamond Almonds. This special event will be streamed online so you can celebrate with ELCA World Hunger wherever you are! **When:** Sunday, Oct. 16, 5 p.m. Eastern time. **Where:** [ELCA Facebook page](#) and [ELCA YouTube channel](#) RSVP not required; simply visit our Facebook or YouTube page to attend. Facebook and YouTube accounts are not required. Can't stream it live? The recording will be available on Facebook and YouTube after the event is over.

### **Youth Ministry**

The Middle and High School Youth Groups will be meeting Monday, October 24, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. and Monday, November 28 at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 30, 2022. All Hallows Eve Party, 4-6 pm. [For our younger youth.](#)

Sunday, October 30, 2022. Pine Creek Corn Maize. 4:00 p.m. Meet in Avis at the Corn Maze entrance at 4:00 p.m. [For all Middle and High School youth.](#)

November 1, 2022, Middle and High School Youth – We invite you to join us for Youth Quake Jan. 13-15, 2023 in Hotel Hilton in Harrisburg, PA. The 2023 theme is Re-Ignite from 2 Corinthians 5:17, *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here!”* **Registration deadline is November 1.** Please register with Pastor or Cathy Eisner before November 1 for this Friday-Sunday retreat of band music, speakers, and small groups with youth from across the region. The Youth Quake is held inside a hotel and is covered with security for our protection.

### **THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

Sunday, October 16, 2022 *19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class  
9:30 a.m. Nave Worship Service.

9:30 a.m. Children's Church *Service of Healing*

10:30 a.m. Women of the Church meeting

2:00 p.m. Catechism

5:00 p.m. World Food Day

Monday, October 17, 2022

10:00 a.m. Worship and Music picks hymns

6:00 p.m. Christian Education meeting

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

10:00 a.m. Trinity Episcopal Communion

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Shore Diner

6:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal "Join the Choir Night!"

Friday, October 21, 2022

6:30 p.m. First Responders' Dinner

Saturday, October 22, 2022

8:00 – 2:00 p.m. St. James Bazaar

Sunday, October 23, 2022

*20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class

9:30 a.m. Nave Worship Service.

9:30 a.m. Children's Church

Donations of Candy for the Halloween Party for younger children

1:00 p.m. Communion at Nippenose

