

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
229 South Broad Street
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Sunday, October 17, 2021
21st Sunday after Pentecost
Service of the Word for Healing

CHILDREN'S CHURCH in social room at 9:30 a.m. Please take your child downstairs before worship begins.

Introduction to the day

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE

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.

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 eagle's.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me bless God's holy name.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *At the Name of Jesus* 416

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: *Glory to God in the Highest* 139

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:4-12

This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called “servant songs.” Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant’s healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

⁹They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.

When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 91:9-16

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰**no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10

Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.

¹Every 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. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So 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”;
⁶as he says also in another place,
“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In 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. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The holy gospel according to Mark. C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will “rule” through self-giving service.

³⁵James 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.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But 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?” ³⁹They 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; ⁴⁰but 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.”

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So 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. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Healer of Our Every Ill 612*

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

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

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

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

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

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

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

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

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

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

Hear us, O Lord of life.

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;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

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

Hear us, O Lord of life.

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)

Hear us, O Lord of life.

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

Hear us, O Lord of life.

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

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Creator God, receive our prayers for our outdoor ministries, especially Camp Mount Luther, and their year-round and summer staff. Encourage them in their task of adapting their ways of serving during these times of COVID uncertainty.

Hear us, O Lord of life.

You are the Lord who does wonders;

You have declared your power among the nations.

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

And in your light we see light.

Hear us, O Lord of Life;

Heal us, and make us whole.

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. **Amen.**

Laying on of Hands/Anointing:

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.

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.

You are invited to meditate on Psalms 86-92

Our Offerings

CHOIR ANTHEM *Sheltered in the Arms*

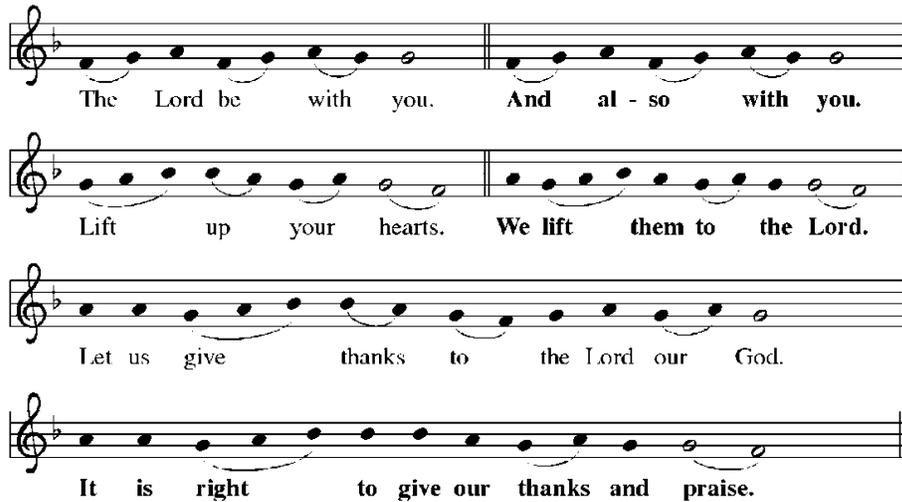
OFFERTORY

*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: God of abundance,
you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen

DIALOGUE



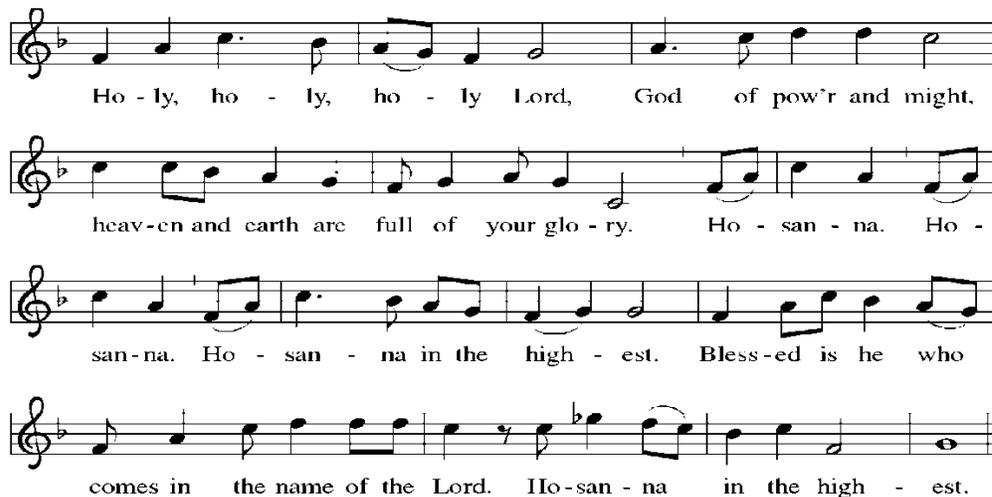
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

PREFACE BY PASTOR



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

THE 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.

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

P: All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

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 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.

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: Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.

Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

People of God, you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.

The holy Trinity, † one God,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: *The Spirit Spend Us Forth to Serve 551*

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in 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 the receiving of the offering. We practice “open Communion” here at St. John meaning that all who believe in the “real presence” of Christ are welcomed to receive the Sacrament of Holy 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, Luke Antolick, Dave Barner, Darlene Bilby, Stan Breon, Agnes Cryder, Mary Ellen Dougherty, Charlie Dunne, Joanne Fisher, Joyce Hudson, Bud Long, Mary Miller, David Mitchell, Bob and Phyllis Moriarity, Kathy Neal, Ruth Nice, Jean Ann Snyder, Shane Snyder, John Truax, Sue Willits, and all of our shut-ins; the safety of our military troops around the world (Mark Baier, Isaac Boring, Loudon Boring, Jake Cordrey, Ben Cramer, Patrick Hamlin, Paul Laidacker, Kenny Leitch, Steven Moore, Maddison Myers, Tyler O’Neal, Adam Shaffer, Richie Speicher, Aaron Stabley, Paul St. James, Jenna White); Family Promise. Bishop Eaton, our Presiding Bishop; and Bishop Collins, Bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod. For our Companion Synod in Liberia and Ansbach-Wurzburg, Germany; and for the New Love Center as it seeks to build a new food hub.

Special Thanks to this week’s helpers: Lector–Shane Snyder ; Assisting Ministers – Gary Johnson and Karen Aucker; Head Usher –Dawn McCloskey; Teller –Kaye Long; Bulletin Sponsor – Betty Allen.

Next week’s helpers: Lector – Deb Heydrich; Assisting Ministers – Joyce Braucht and Carl Schaefer; Head Usher –Dawn McCloskey; Teller –Kaye Long; Bulletin Sponsor – Betty Allen; Flowers – Hazel and Zane Spong.

The Sanctuary Candle is sponsored in memory of loved ones by Dave and Christine Barner.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents by Chuck and Laurel Gottschall.

DEADLINE FOR SEAFARER SATCHELS is approaching! Sunday, October 31.2021!

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

Card Shower – Stella and Jim Bard will be married 65 years on October 26. To celebrate this anniversary with them we invite you to send them a card congratulating them on their 65th anniversary. Mail the cards to:

Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Stella Barnard

502 Pinecreek Ave

Jersey Shore PA 17740-9216

Messiah's Women of the ELCA invite the women in our congregation to hear LAUREN LESHNER, Pennsylvania State Police Community Services Officer. The topic is "PROTECT YOURSELF" from Scams and Fraud on Tuesday, OCTOBER 26 at 7 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church, South Williamsport (Shaheen Hall). Please sign up so we have numbers for handouts and refreshments.

We will celebrate All Saints Sunday on November 7 at our 9:30 am worship service. Join us as we remember our members and friends who have died in the past year.

Helen Hopple	December 14, 2020
Leonard Taylor	December 21, 2020
Sonja Taylor	December 21, 2020
Denise Taylor	December 29, 2020
Leona Maines	January 31, 2021
Grant William Long	February 14, 2021
Joann Rishel	May 20, 2021
Richard Hurd	June 7, 2021
Rev. Donald Nice	June 14, 2021
Rev. Dr. Roger Fischer	July 1, 2021
Virginia Ginny Moffitt	July 8, 2021
Conley T Myers	July 9, 2021
Walter Gallagher	June 19, 2021
David Kuehl	September 30, 2021

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

- Sunday, October 17, 2021 *21st Sunday after Pentecost*
 - 9:30 a.m. Children's Church Starts
 - 9:30 a.m. Nave Worship Service *Healing Service*
 - 2:00 p.m. Catechism
 - 7:00 p.m. NA meeting
- Monday, October 18, 2021
 - Pastor visiting our parishioner in Washington PA
 - 10:00 a.m. Hymn picking
 - BSA
 - 7:30 p.m. N/A meeting
- Wednesday, October 20, 2021
 - 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time at Shore Diner
 - 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
 - 7:30 p.m. N/A meeting
- Thursday, October 21, 2021
 - Pastor on Vacation
- Friday, October 22, 2021
 - 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Food Distribution
- Saturday, October 23
 - 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. St James Lutheran Church Annual Bazaar

Sunday, October 24, 2021

22st Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Children's Church Starts

9:30 a.m. Nave Worship Service

7:00 p.m. NA meeting

Pastor Aucker will be visiting one of our parishioners who lives in Washington PA, Monday-Tuesday. For pastoral emergencies contact Pastor Shumway.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Calling all High School Youth!

Join us Monday evening, **October 25**, 6:00 p.m. at St. John Lutheran, 229 South Broad Street. Dinner provided. Topic: "Fun with Finance" Mrs. Heydrich will led us on some practical skills such as understanding paycheck deductions, paying bills, how to write a check, budgeting, interest in and interest out.

Other upcoming events!

Thursday, November 4 6:30 p.m. First Responders Dinner

Sunday, November 7 **Fall Cash Sunday**—Council voted to designate the monies to the repair of the pipe organ. Short **Women of the Church meeting** after the service to review plans for the Bazaar

Saturday, December 4 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 pm. St John Annual Bazaar