



St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 5, 2025 | 10:30am

Welcome to St. John's. We invite you to join us as an active participant in the worship of God.

PRELUDE

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as
ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Holy Name.**

Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church 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.

Amen.

GREETING

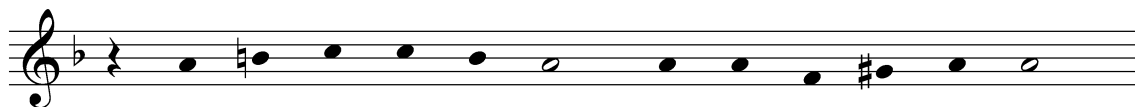
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE & GLORIA

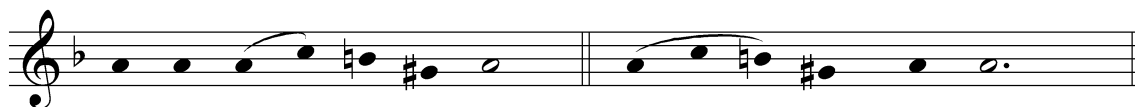


In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy.
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion,

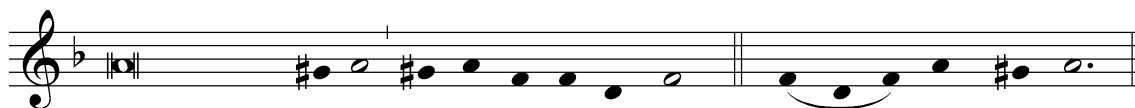


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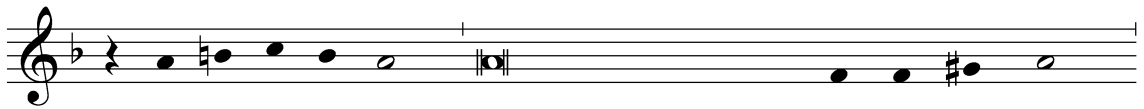


For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy.
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

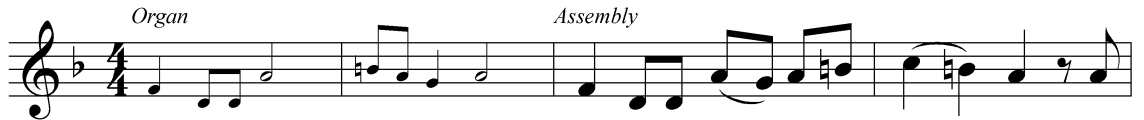


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Lord, have mer-cy.
Ky - ri - e e - lei-son.



Help, save, comfort and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - - - men.



Organ

Assembly

Glo-ry to God in the high - est and



peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al -



might - y God and Fath-er, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fath - er, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are
 seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our
 prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the
 Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus
 Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the
 glo-ry of God the Fath-er. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We sit.

WORD

FIRST READING

HABAKKUK 1:1-4; 2:1-4

A reading from Habakkuk

THE oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.
²O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?
Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?
³Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.
⁴So the law becomes slack,
and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous;
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.
^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.
²Then the Lord answered me and said:
Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.
³For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.
⁴Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.
- 3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 Take delight in the Lord, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the Lord *
and wait patiently for him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.

SECOND READING

II TIMOTHY 1:1-14

A reading from First Timothy.

PAUL, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise
of life that is in Christ Jesus,
To Timothy, my beloved child:
Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

SEQUENCE

HYMN 507

O God of light, your word, a lamp unfailing,
Shall pierce the darkness of our earthbound way
And show your grace, your plan for us unveiling,
And guide our footsteps to the perfect day.

GOSPEL

LUKE 17:5-10

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

THE apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶ The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷ “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table?’ ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink?’ ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that

you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' ”

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

SEQUENCE

HYMN 507

Undimmed by time, those words are
still revealing
To sinful hearts your justice and your
grace;

And questing spirits, longing for your
healing,
See your compassion in the Savior's
face.

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

REV. NICK SOLLOM

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

How firm a foundation

FOUNDATION



All: 1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye
Women: 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O
Men: 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I
All: 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy
All: 5. "The soul that on Je - sus hath



saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith
be not dis - mayed, for I am thy God,
call thee to go, the riv - ers of sor -
path - way shall lie, my grace, all suf - fi -
leaned for re - pose, I will not, I will



in God's ex - cel - lent Word! What more can be
and will still give thee aid; I'll strength - en thee,
row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be
cient, shall be thy sup - ply; the flame shall not
not de - sert to its foes; that soul, though all



said than to you God hath said, to
help thee, and cause thee to stand, up -
near thee, thy trou - bles to bless, and
hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign thy
hell should en - deav - or to shake, I'll



you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

We kneel or sit for the prayers.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each intercession ends with these words:

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We stand.

PEACE

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

We sit.

GREETINGS

MEAL

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and
gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Lord, increase our faith

LOOSEMORE

We stand.

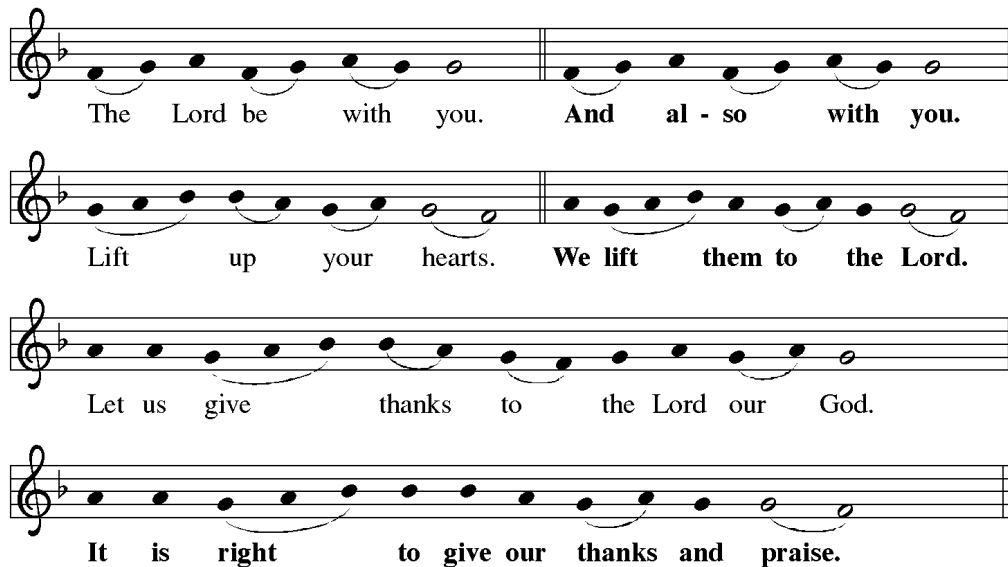
HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

HYMN 188

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.



GREAT THANKSGIVING



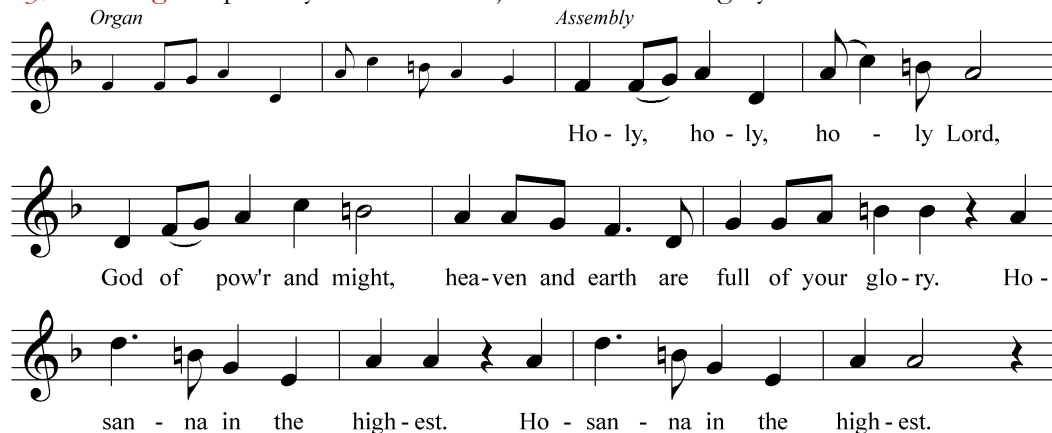
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, . . . *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

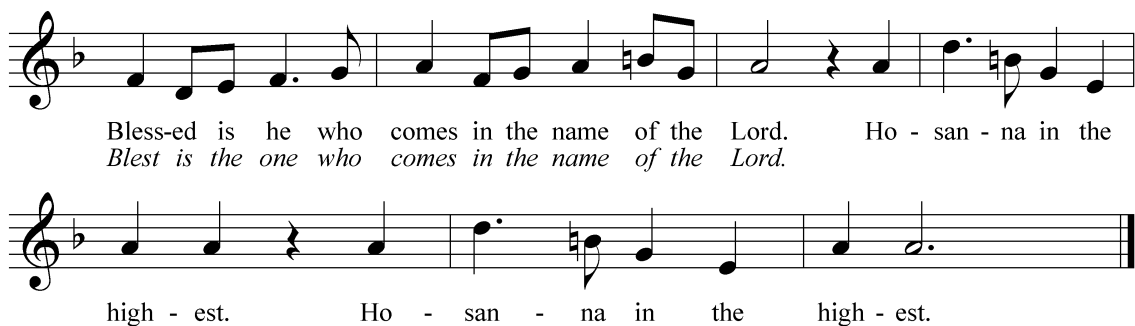


Organ *Assembly*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of pow'r and might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor And glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

Our Fa - ther who art in__ hea - ven, Ha - low'd be thy Name;

Thy king-dom come; thy will be__ done, on earth as it is in hea - ven.

Give us this day our__ dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pass - es as

we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst__ us. And lead us

not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - li - ver us from e - vil. For thine is the

king-dom, the po - wer and the glo - ry, for e - ver and e - ver.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

All who believe that Jesus is present in the bread and wine, forgiving sins, and promising eternal life, are welcome at the Table of the Lord. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

We sit.

LAMB OF GOD

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| <p><i>Organ</i></p> | <p><i>Assembly</i></p> |
| <p>1,2 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin</p> | |
| | |
| <p>of the world, have mer - cy on us.</p> | |
| | |
| <p>3 Lamb of God, you take a - way the</p> | |
| | |
| <p>sin of the world, grant us peace.</p> | |

MUSIC AT THE DISTRIBUTION

ANTHEM

O Saving Victim

MARTIN

We stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life.

Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

My hope is built

HYMN 597

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.



POSTLUDE

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Holy Feast Mass by Larry Long

Lord's Prayer, Traditional Afrikaans, arr. Marnus Lively-Greyling

Worship Leaders Today

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|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Celebrant & Preacher | The Rev. Nick Sollom |
| Organist | Cantor Nathan K. Lively-Greyling |
| Worship Assistant | Eric Lane |
| Reader | Teresa Moses |
| Communion Assistant | Teresa Moses, Susan Ylitalo |
| Acolyte | |
| Usher | Eric Lane |
| Altar Committee | Janet Segerdell |
| Counters | Noel Bartels, David Hendrickson |
| Little Free Pantry | Eric Lane |
| Coffee Hour | |

This week we pray for . . . Pastor Emeritus Dennis Albrecht, Andrew, Beryl, Brita, Cat, Diane, James, Lee, Marie, Ron, Sandra, Shirley and Toby.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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Wednesday, October 8

12:00 noon - Midweek Eucharist - Chapel
4:30 pm - Confirmation Class - Sweden Room
6:00 pm - Bells | 7:00 Choir

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 12

8:30 am & 10:30 am Worship
5:00 pm Evensong

Wednesday, October 15

12:00 noon – Midweek Eucharist – Chapel

Saturday, October 18

Oktoberfest - 5:00 pm Luther Hall

Tickets on sale after 10:30 worship today, October 5

WE NEED YOU!

ACOLYTE SIGN-UP



**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS, READERS,
USHERS, COFFEE HOUR, AND LFP SIGN-UP**



MISSION STATEMENT

All are welcome! We share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.

INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church Stamford CT is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Munsee Lenape, Schaghticoke, Mohican, and Wappinger peoples. We give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial and wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

CHORAL EVENSONG

Feast of St. Francis



Sunday, October 12 | 5pm