



St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 29, 2024 | 10:30am

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

PRELUDE

View me, Lord

LLOYD

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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 sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

GLORIA

Fast and lively

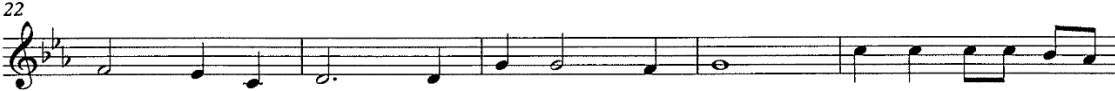
Org.  *f*
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

5  peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al -

9  - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

13  praise you for your glo - ry. *mp* Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the

18  Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the


22  sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the

27 Org.



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

32 *f*



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

35



Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

40



with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

44 *ff* rit.



A - - - men, a - - - men, a - - - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

NUMBERS 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

A reading from Jeremiah.

THE rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors?’ ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to

eat!’ ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

¹⁶So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were

among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his

chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” ²⁹But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL PSALM

Sung by the choir.

PSALM 19:7-14

Music by Margaret Woodley and Sarah MacDonald

7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is
sure
and gives wisdom to the
innocent.
8 The statutes of the Lord are
just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of
the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
9 The fear of the Lord is clean
endures for ever; *
the judgments of
the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired are they
than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant
enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is
great reward.
12 Who can tell how often he
offends? *
cleanse me from my secret
faults.
13 Above all, keep your servant
from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over
me; *
then shall I be whole and
sound,
and innocent of a great
offense.
14 Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my
be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my
redeemer.

SECOND READING

JAMES 5:13-20

A reading from James.

ARE any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner’s soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

SEQUENCE

HYMN 509

God’s word is our great heritage
and shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way;

in death it is our stay.
Lord, grant while time shall last
Your church may hold it fast
Throughout all generations.
Amen.

GOSPEL

MARK 9:38-50

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

JOHAN said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe

in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. ⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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

SEQUENCE

HYMN 514

O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky:

We praise you for the radiance
That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, shines on
from age to age.

We sit.

SERMON

PASTOR GRORUD

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Where cross the crowded ways of life

HYMN 719

CREED

Apostles'

As the whole people of God, let us profess our baptismal faith:

**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.

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.

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come, renew us ELEANOR DALEY (*contemporary*)

We stand.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

HYMN 879

For each perfect gift of thine,
Peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
For thyself, best gift divine,
To our world so freely giv'n:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

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, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Majestic

f
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and

ff
might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

Slower

p
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

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

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Fa - ther who art in__ hea - ven, Ha - llow'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.
A - men. For e - ver and e - ver. A - men.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All who believe that Jesus is present in the bread and wine, forgiving sin and promising eternal life, are welcome to the Table of the Lord. Gluten-free wafers are available if requested.

We sit.

LAMB OF GOD

Slowly and gently

p
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world, have mer-cy on us. *mp* Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world, have mer-cy on us. *mf* Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world, *p* grant us *pp* *ppp* peace.

MUSIC AT THE DISTRIBUTION

MOTET

Prayer from South Africa

JAMES WHITBOURN (B. 1963)

We stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

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

Amen.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

How clear is our vocation

HYMN 580

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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St. Martin's Mass, David Bednall, Oxford Music Press

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

Worship Leaders Today

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Mark A. Grorud
Organist	Cantor Nathan K. Lively-Greyling
Worship Assistant	Pat Fisher
Reader	Elizabeth Harkins
Communion Assistant	Lois Coffin
Acolytes	Charlotte Dianis
Usher	Eric Lane
Altar Committee	Cheryl Milukas
Counters	Lois Coffin, Gary Esposito, Pat Fisher
Little Free Pantry	Cathy & Mike Mahler
Coffee Hour	Greta & Mark Schneider

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 29

Bible Study - 9:30 am - Sweden Room
New Members Received - 10:30 am

Tuesday, October 1

Choristers - 5:15 pm Choir Room
Sneak Peek Bible Study - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 2

Confirmation - 4:30 pm Sweden Room
Handbells - 6:00 pm Reformation Room
Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 pm Choir Room

Thursday, October 3

Nicolas Galinaitis in Concert - 1:00 pm Luther Hall

Friday, October 4

Quilting - 5:30 pm Welcome Room

Pick-up Choir on Sunday, October 20. Like the Summer Choir, this is an easy, fun, low commitment musical way to participate in Worship. Come at 10am and learn an easy anthem to sing during the service. We welcome all!

Evensong

We are once again offering Evensong (sung Evening Prayer) monthly during the next season.

This service, Evensong, is a brief service filled with prayers, readings, and music. It's not a substitute for Sunday morning; but another opportunity for us to gather in song, prayer, and Word to prepare for the week ahead.

October's Evensong is Sunday, October 27, at 5:00 pm.

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.

LOOKING AHEAD . . .

October 11	Beer & Hymns - 6:00 pm Luther Hall
October 12	Outdoor Movie - Pumpkin Patch - 6:00 pm
October 19	Oktoberfest - 5:00 pm
October 27	Reformation Sunday - Wear Red! First Communion - 10:30 am Evensong St. John's Episcopal - 5:00 pm
November 3	All Saints Sunday All Saints Requiem Concert - 5:00 pm
November 10	Stewardship Sunday 9:30 am single service Youth Pancake Breakfast 10:30 am
November 17	9:30 am Single Worship - Bishop Piphoo Evensong - 5:00 pm
December 1	10:30 am Advent Lessons & Carols 4:00 pm Decorate Church 5:00 pm Advent Night - Welcome Room
December 8	Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols - 5:00 pm
December 15	Santa Lucia Procession
December 24	Family Christmas Eve Worship - 5:00 pm 8:30 pm Prelude & 9pm Candlelight Service
December 29	9:30 am Single Service

100 Years of
Rhapsody in Blue!



NICHOLAS GALINAITIS IN CONCERT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3RD
AT ONE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
884 NEWFIELD AVE, STAMFORD CT

FREE ADMISSION