



St. John's Lutheran Church Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MORNING PRAYER

October 13, 2024 | 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.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

Son of God, eternal Savior

HYMN 655

GREETING

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel or sit as you are able.

**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 Name.
Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.
Amen.

We stand.

PRECES by Margaret Woodley

O Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.
Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's Name be prais'd.

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 *mp*
praise you for your glo - ry. 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.

We sit.

PSALM

Sung by the choir.
Music by Margaret Woodley (contemporary).

PSALM 90:12-17

- 12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- 13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works *

and your splendor to their children.
¹⁷ May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end.
Amen.

FIRST READING

AMOS 5:6-7, 10-15

A reading from Amos.

SEEK the Lord and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;

it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SONG OF MARY *by C. V. Stanford*

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm.

He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things.

And the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel
as he promised to our forefathers Abraham, and his seed forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end.

Amen.

SECOND READING

HEBREWS 4:12-16

A reading from Hebrews.

INDEED, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

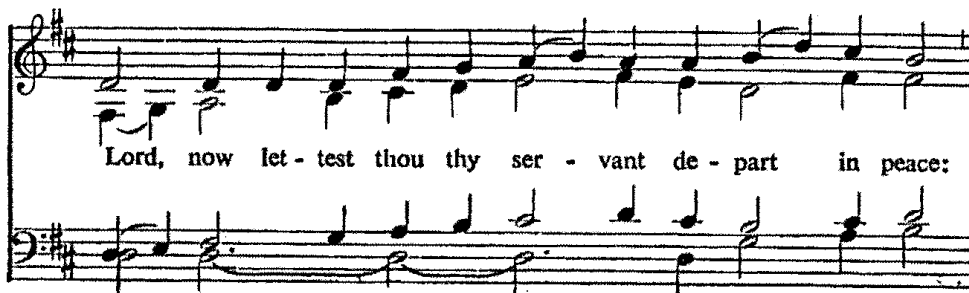
¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach

the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SONG OF SIMEON



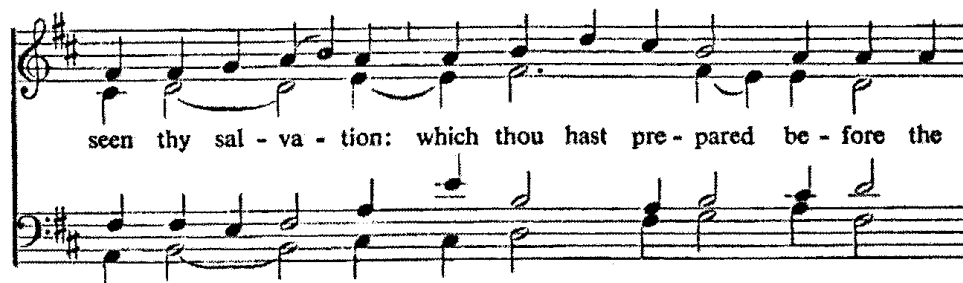
Lord, now let - test thou thy ser - vant de - part in peace:

The first system of musical notation for the Song of Simeon. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Lord, now let - test thou thy ser - vant de - part in peace:"



ac - cord - ing to thy word; For mine eyes have

The second system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the bass line continues in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "ac - cord - ing to thy word; For mine eyes have"



seen thy sal - va - tion: which thou hast pre - pared be - fore the

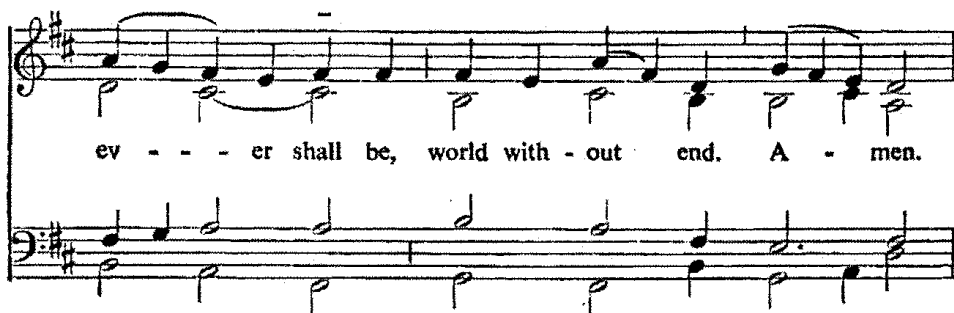
The third system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the bass line continues in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "seen thy sal - va - tion: which thou hast pre - pared be - fore the"

face of all peo-ple; A light to light - en the

Gen-tiles: and the glo - ry of thy peo-ple Is - - ra - el.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

Ho - ly Ghost: As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and



THIRD READING

MARK 10:17-31

A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”¹⁸ Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.”¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’”²⁰ He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.”²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?”²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.”²⁹ Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news,³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

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.**

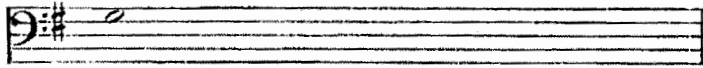
We kneel or sit for the prayers.

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And with Thy Spirit.
Let us pray.

The assembly kneels or sits.

Minister



1. Lord, have mercy upon us. 2. Christ, have mercy upon us. 3. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Congregation

1. R̄. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

2. R̄. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

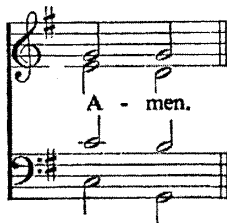
3. R̄. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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.

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
 And grant us thy salvation.
 O Lord, save the State.
 And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
 Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
 And make thy chosen people joyful. O Lord, save thy people.
 And bless thine inheritance.
 Give peace in our time, O Lord.
 Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
 O God, make clean our hearts within us.
 And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS

First Collect: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.



Second Collect: Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



We sit.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Eternal God

RICHARD SHEPARD

*Eternal God,
The light of the minds that know you;
Eternal God,
The joy of the hearts that love you;
Eternal God,
The strength of the wills that love you.*

*Grant us so to know you,
That we may truly trust you.
Grant us so to love you,
That we may freely serve you.
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.*

We stand.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from thy pres - ence: and take not thy Ho - ly

Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of

thy sal - va - tion: and up - hold me with thy free Spir - it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

God of Grace, God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -
 3. Cure Thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, Bend our pride to
 4. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; Gird our lives that

pour Thy power; Crown Thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail Thy ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 Thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be Ar - mored with all Christ - like gra - ces,

Bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 Pledged to set all cap - tives free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
 For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.
 Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal, Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal.
 That we fail not them nor Thee! That we fail not them nor Thee!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 15

Choristers - 5:15 pm Choir Room

Wednesday, October 16

Handbells - 6:00 pm Reformation Room

Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 pm Choir Room

Saturday, October 19

Oktoberfest - 5:00 pm Luther Hall

Sunday, October 20

Worship - 8:30 & 10:30 am

Bible Study - 9:30 am Sweden Room

Fellowship Hour - 11:30 am 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 5pm.

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 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 8:30 & 10:30 am service Youth Pancake Breakfast 9:30 am Welcome Room
November 17	9:30 am Single Worship - Bishop Piphon Evensong - 5:00 pm
November 24	9:30 am Single Worship & Offering for Ted Womer Fund with guest speaker from United Lutheran Seminary
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 & 9:00 pm Candlelight Service
December 29	9:30 am Single Service

Sunday, November 3, 2024

5pm

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
STAMFORD, CT



World Premiere of
MARGARET WOODLEY'S
REQUIEM

TOWARDS THE LIGHT

SUNDAY 27 OCT | 5 PM

Choral Evensong

at
ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
628 Main Street, Stamford, CT 06901

sung by the choirs of
St Barnabas Episcopal, Greenwich
& St John's Lutheran, Stamford

with music by
Coxhead, Smith,
Widor, Wood, Ficarri,
and Balfour Gardiner

