



St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 10, 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.

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

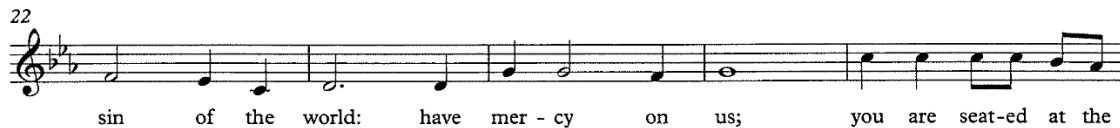
Org.  *f*
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

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  *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*



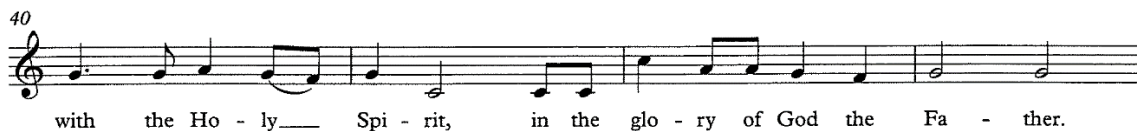
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We sit.

WORD

FIRST READING

I KINGS 17:8-16

A reading from the book of I Kings.

THE word of the Lord came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹² But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³ Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL PSALM

PSALM 91:9-16

Sung by the choir. Music by Madeleine Woodworth (contemporary)

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| ¹ Hallelujah! | to earth, * |
| Praise the Lord, O my soul! * | and in that day their thoughts perish. |
| I will praise the Lord as long as I live; | ⁴ Happy are they who have the God of |
| I will sing praises to my God while I | Jacob for their help! * |
| have my being. | whose hope is in the Lord their God; |
| ² Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any | ⁵ Who made heaven and earth, the seas, |
| child of earth, * | and all that is in them; * |
| for there is no help in them. | who keeps his promise for ever; |
| ³ When they breathe their last, they return | ⁶ Who gives justice to those who are |

oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
⁷ The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed
down;
⁸ The Lord loves the righteous;

the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
⁹ The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all
generations.
Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

HEBREWS 9:24-28

A reading from the book of Hebrews.

CHRI^ST did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces,³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets!⁴⁰ They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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

As saints of old

HYMN 695

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:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We stand.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We sit.

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Call of Wisdom

WILL TODD

We stand.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

SBH

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.

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

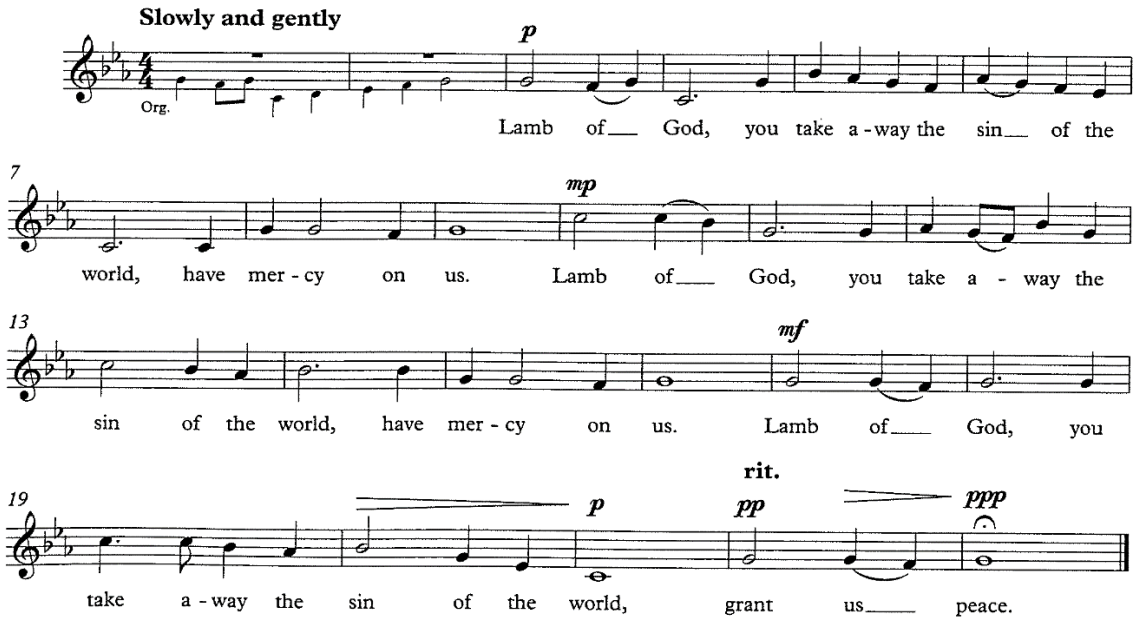
The gifts of God for the people of God.

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



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

MUSIC AT THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN

O God, why are you silent

HYMN 703

SONG OF SIMEON

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

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

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

ev - - - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

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

God of grace

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!

5. Save us from weak resignation
 To the evils we deplore;
 Let the gift of Thy salvation
 Be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 Serving Thee whom we adore,
 Serving Thee whom we adore.

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 Afrikaan's, arr. Marnus Lively-Greyling

Worship Leaders Today

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Mark A. Grorud
Organist	Cantor Nathan K. Lively-Greyling
Worship Assistant	
Reader	Jennifer Leffers
Communion Assistant	Jennifer Leffers
Acolyte	Max Leffers
Usher	Eric Lane
Altar Committee	Pam Bartlett, Cathy Mahler
Counters	Joe & Cheryl Milukas, Michele Taylor, Shirley Schulz
Little Free Pantry	Regina Gesualdo
Coffee Hour	Cindy Willette

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 12

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

Wednesday, November 13

Handbells - 6:00 pm Reformation Room | Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 pm Choir Room

Looking Ahead . . .

November 17	9:30 am Single Worship - Bishop Piphon
	Evensong - 5:00 pm
November 23	2:00 pm Social Time to meet Our Pastoral Candidate - Welcome Room
November 24	9:30 am Single Worship - Pastoral Candidate to lead congregation
	10:30 am Congregational Meeting to Vote on Pastoral Candidate

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.