

# 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 2025; 9 a.m.



**St John's**  
Lutheran Church

*(An usher rings the church bell at 8:55 a.m.)*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Temple Talk

Nancy Putnam and Mary Spryer, Above and Beyond Fundraiser

### Prelude

*(Acolytes light the candles)*

Linda Ranney

### Confession and Forgiveness *(please stand)*

*(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.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Merciful God,  
**you free us to love others,  
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.  
You surround us with patience, kindness,  
and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Do not give up on us.  
Heal us, break our bonds,  
and show us the path of life.  
Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of ✠ Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
**Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn

ELW #796; *How Firm a Foundation*, vs.1-3

- 1     How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
      is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!  
      What more can he say than to you he has said  
      who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2     "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
      for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
      I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
      upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."
- 3     "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
      my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.  
      The flames shall not hurt you; I only design  
      your dross to consume and your gold to refine."

## Apostolic 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

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

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

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

## Canticle of Praise

ACS Setting 12; vs. 1, 3

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, **judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

## Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29 *(please sit)*

<sup>23</sup> Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup> Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. <sup>25</sup> I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" <sup>26</sup> How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup> They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup> Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. <sup>29</sup> Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Reading: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

<sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup> And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup> Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better

resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented <sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup> Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

<sup>12:1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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## Children's Time

### Gospel Acclamation (*please stand*)

ACS Setting 12

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

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

*Repeat alleluia*

### Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>49</sup> "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! <sup>50</sup> I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what

constraint I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup> Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup> From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup> they will be divided:

father against son  
and son against father,  
mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

<sup>54</sup> He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. <sup>55</sup> And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. <sup>56</sup> You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Sermon** *(please sit)*

Rev. Timothy Lincoln

### **Hymn of the Day** *(please stand)*

ELW #704; *When Pain of the World Surrounds Us*, vs. 1-3

- 1 When pain of the world surrounds us with darkness and despair,  
when searching just confounds us with false hopes ev'rywhere,  
when lives are starved for meaning and destiny is bare,  
we are called to follow Jesus and let God's healing flow through us.
- 2 We see with fear and trembling our aching world in need,  
confessing to each other our wastefulness and greed.  
May we with steadfast caring the hungry children feed.  
We are called to follow Jesus and let God's justice flow through us.
- 3 The church is a holy vessel the living waters fill

to nourish all the people, God's purpose to fulfill.  
May we with humble courage be open to God's will.  
We are called to follow Jesus and let God's Spirit flow through us.

## **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 the People**

Petition:  
Hear us, O God,  
**your mercy is great.**

## **The Peace**

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

## **Offering**

*(Ushers take up the collection)*

*Be Thou My Vision* arr. Dana F. Everson  
Patti Sontag, violin

## **Offertory** *(please stand)*

*(Ushers bring collection forward for acolytes to receive)*

ELW #752; *Lord, Listen to your Children Praying*

*(Refrain sung twice)*

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

## Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Creator God, **in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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.**



## Proper Preface

### Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### Invitation to the Table

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

*(acolytes prepare for communion distribution; ushers come forward to invite assembly by pew)*

## Lamb of God



## Communion Hymn

ELW #491; *Come Let Us Eat*

- 1 (Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,)  
come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.  
(Our Lord's body let us take together,)  
our Lord's body let us take together.
- 2 (Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,)  
come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.  
(Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,)  
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.
- 3 (In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,)  
in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.  
(In the presence of our Lord we gather,)  
in the presence of our Lord we gather.
- 4 (Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word,)  
rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.  
(Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,)  
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

## Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer *(please stand)*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Mothering God,  
**you gathered us to your table  
and we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves  
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.  
Amen.**

## Benediction

The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit  
✠ bless you and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

*(Acolytes extinguish the candles)*

ELW #815; *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

- 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

## Sending

Go in peace, Live by the spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

Linda Ranney

## Altar Flowers

In Honor of our 64<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary by Charles & Phyllis Kirk

## Chancel Flowers

In Memory of Lucile (Lucy) Kitzerow by Sharon & Garry Birkenmeier

## Serving at Worship Today

|                   |                                                                    |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Presider          | Rev. Timothy Lincoln                                               |
| Assistant         | Valerian Ahles                                                     |
| Lector            | Brandi Fuchs                                                       |
| Acolytes          | Claire Ernster, Norah Kelly                                        |
| Ushers            | Kurt Kjelstad, Ruth Ann Kjelstad                                   |
| Greeters          | Randy Lundblad, Penny Erickson                                     |
| Communion Servers | Natasha Wahlstrom, Cheryl Mattison, Deb Freeland,<br>Cora Klawiter |
| Media & Streaming | Lydia Elko                                                         |
| Screen Operator   | Lois Mai                                                           |
| Musicians         | Linda Ranney, piano/organ; Patti Sontag, violin                    |

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