



**St. John's Lutheran Church † Sunday in Pentecost
November 21st, 2021 Facebook Live 8:15 a.m.,
In-Person 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**

Welcome to worship and thank you for your shared ministry with us! We welcome your presence, prayers, time, and giving, so that we may continue as the beloved community that is St. John's.

Prelude JuBellation - *"All Things Bright and Beautiful"* – arr. Linda Lamb

Welcome/Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness (*please stand*)

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Have mercy on us, O God. **We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for † Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God. **Amen.**

Gathering Song – "Now Thank We All Our God" ELW #840

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all harm in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven, the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie

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.**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God our Father, **your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Reading: Joel 2:21-27 *(please sit)*

²¹Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things!

²²Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

²³O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. ²⁴The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. ²⁵I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. ²⁶You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. ²⁷You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Time

Gospel Acclamation ELW p.142 a (*please stand*)

***Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.***

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:25-33

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 6th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said,] ²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Message: *“Slogging Through Thanksgiving”* Pastor Christine Emerson

Song of the Day –“Praise and Thanksgiving” ELW # 689 (*Please Stand*)

1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer for all things living, you have made good: harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

2 God, bless the labor we bring to serve you, that with our neighbor we may be fed. Sowing or tilling, we would work with you, harvesting, milling for daily bread.

3 Father, providing food for your children, by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share one with another, so that, rejoicing with us, all others may know your care.

4 Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people, freely confessing your gracious hand. Where you are reigning, no one will hunger; your love sustaining showers the land.

Apostle's Creed (*please stand*)

With the whole Church, let us confess our 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.

Prayers of Intercession (*please stand*)

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need. *A brief silence.*

God, you sent your Son Jesus to testify to the truth. We pray for preachers, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers who carry your forgiveness and love to the world. Fill their words and actions with compassion and kindness so that your truth will shine. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to liberate all of creation. We pray for all living things longing for the freedom to flourish, from ancient trees and wild grasses to endangered animals and rare insects. Give human beings compassionate hearts to care for them. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace. Direct the members of international alliances in choosing a nonviolent path toward the future. Give them the humility and wisdom to make just decisions to benefit all. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people, set free to serve you. We pray for people who serve the well-being of others, especially ministries in our community (*local social ministries or agencies may be named*). Renew them in their work. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to rule in all times and places. We pray for the friends of our congregation who are unable to join our worship in person and for all who are sick and suffering (*especially*). Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to be our beginning and our ending. We give thanks for those whose lives have given us a glimpse of Jesus' reign of justice and peace. Empower us to join their witness. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

(If you have not received an individual communion cup, please raise your hand and an usher will bring one to you.)

Great Thanksgiving, Words of Institution *(please sit)*

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.
On the night in which he was betrayed...

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as our Savior taught us:
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

(During the music, ushers will receive your offering and your used communion cups.)

Communion/Offering Music

(10:30) Choir - "Offertory" by Hobby

Blessing

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

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray. Blessed Jesus, **at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet. Amen.**

Benediction

God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life,
✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and
forevermore. **Amen.**

Sending Song *"Heaven Opened to Isaiah" ACS#1090 (Please Stand)*

1 Heaven opened to Isaiah, showing him God's glorious throne: Lord of
might, high and exalted, temple flowing with his robe. Seraphim flew all
around him, humbled at the holy sight. As they circled they were singing,
calling out with all their might.

Refrain

"Holy, holy, you are holy," ev'ry angel voice proclaims; "All the earth reflects
your glory; ev'ry tongue sings out your praise!"

2 Seraphim continue singing; cherubim still lift their praise. Earth and all
its creatures worship; moon and stars are still amazed. Now above creation's
chorus comes another fervent cry: all of earth's redeemed are singing, "Glory
to the Lord on high!" *Refrain*

3 One day heaven will be opened and before the Savior's throne, saints
from ev'ry time and nation will begin their endless song: "To our God of all
salvation, to the high and holy Lamb, to the blessed Holy Spirit be forever
praise. Amen!" *Refrain*

Sending

8:15) Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord. **Thanks be to
God.**

10:30) **Choir – "What Does the Lord Require of You" ACS #1057**

What does the Lord require of you? To seek justice and love kindness and
walk humbly with your God.

(Peace be with you. If you are online, share a sign of peace in the comments.)

Postlude

Altar Flowers in memory of Dan Bunce & Janeen Holstein by Cheryl Mattison

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We welcome all to partake of Christ’s holy supper while worshipping with us online this Sunday by preparing your table at home with bread and wine/juice.

Serving at worship today:

Pastors-Rev. Christine Emerson

Assisting Ministars: (8:15) Greg Brandt (10:30) Margaret Kinderman

Ushers-(8:15) Dramus Peuse, Samuel Peuse (10:30) Barb Lutz, Judy Haugen, Brian Wagner

Communion Servers-(8:15) Jessica Peuse (10:30) Margaret Kinderman

Acolyte – (8:15)Erica Neuhaus (10:30) Treyten Lantz

Lector – (8:15) Eric Nielsen (10:30) Margaret Kinderman

Camera System-(8:15)Scott Olsen

Power Point-(8:15) Adriane DeMoe (10:30) Lois Mai

Musician- Roxanne Litchfield

This Week at St. John’s:

Today, Sunday, November 21st

Thankoffering Collected (10:30)

8:15 am In-Person Worship & Facebook Live

8:30 am Worship Radio – WAYY

9:30am Sunday School

10:30 am In-Person Worship & TV-WQOW

Sunday, November 28th

8:15 am In-Person Worship & Facebook Live

10:30 am In-Person Worship

11:30 am Community & World