



St. John Lutheran Church
Bellville, Texas
September 19 2021 8:00 a.m.
Pentecost 17~ "Slow Learners"
Holy Communion - Setting Six

GATHERING ~ WE PREPARE AND PRAISE

PRELUDE

BELL

P This is the day that the Lord has made;
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P Good and gracious God:

C **like lost sheep, we have gone astray.
We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.
We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.
We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.
Free us from our sin, gracious God.
Listen when we call out to you for help.
Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.
Amen.**

P All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C **Amen.**

* GATHERING HYMN “All People That On Earth Do Dwell” #883

* APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C **And also with you.**

*KYRIE

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P 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.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Amen.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE “This Is the Feast”

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children.

C **Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

WORD ~ WE HEAR FROM GOD

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:6-10

⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
⁷ let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways

and my thoughts than your thoughts.

L The word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND READING

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

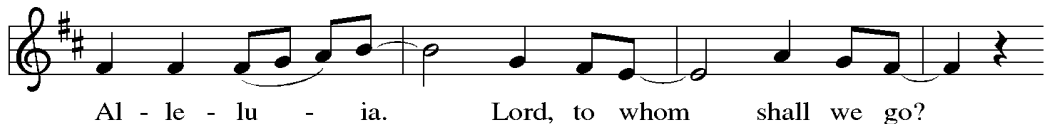
L The word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

* THE GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

P The Gospel according to St. Mark the 8^h Chapter



C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be

betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.”³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³ Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?”³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord. **C Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

“Slow Learner”
(a moment of silence follows....)

Rev. Phil Fenton

* HYMN OF THE DAY “You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore” #817

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.**

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

MEAL~WE COMMUNE TOGETHER

OFFERING/SPECIAL MUSIC

*Forget your cash or checks? You can still give online at: www.stjohn-bellville.org OR by downloading the free *Tithe.ly* app to your smart phone OR by texting "Give" to (830)463-6386. Thank you for supporting the ministries of St. John Lutheran.*

* OFFERTORY "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" #184

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*PREFACE OF THE DAY....It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

DISTRIBUTION *Continuous.*

Holy Communion is also known as the Lord's Supper or Eucharist. The bread of this special meal is identified by Jesus as his body, given to reunite us with God. The cup (with wine or grape juice) he identifies as his blood, shed for our forgiveness, to give God's grace and life. As a sacrament (sacred act) of the Christian Church, it is open to, and to be received by, all Christians who desire God's assurance and the strengthening of their faith.

Music during the Distribution "Lamb of God"
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

COMMUNION ANTHEM

* COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING~WE LEAVE TO SERVE

* BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

* SENDING HYMN "Jesus Loves Me" #595

* DISMISSAL

P Go in Peace and share the good news!

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

From Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2021 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #43691. CCLI License #2565585.

