

# St. John Lutheran Church, ELCA

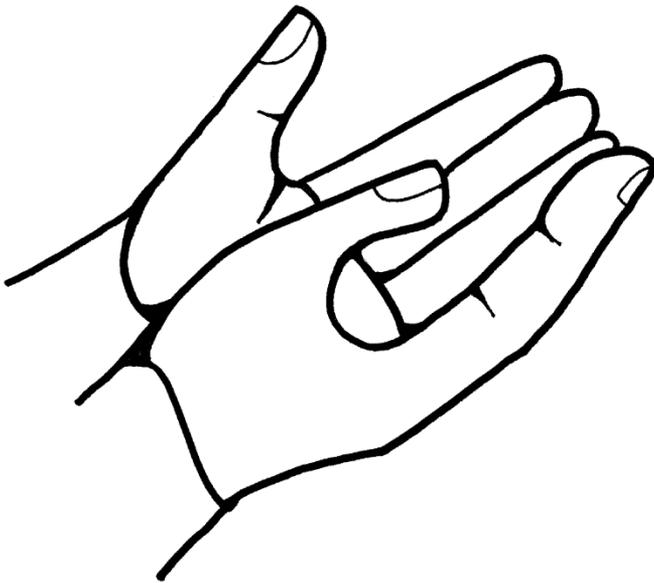
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9 AM

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

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*Welcome to worship at St. John! Hymns are found in the second half of the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) hymnal and are listed with a number sign, for example #504. Please join in the assembly portions of the spoken word, indicated by **bold** print in this worship order. An asterisk (\*) indicates when to stand as you are able.*



## Gathering

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**Gathering Music**

**Welcome and Announcements**

# Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come. If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our helper,

**we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. For the sake of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

**Amen.**

## \*Gathering Song

#632 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

## \*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

s138

# \*Canticle of Praise

s140

## \*Prayer of the Day

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.

# Word

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## First Reading

*Genesis 32:22-31*

<sup>22</sup>The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup>Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup>Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is

preserved.” <sup>31</sup>The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

Psalm 121 (Refrain 2)

Rick Erickson



My help comes from the LORD, the mak - er of heav'n and earth.

- <sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes | to the hills;  
from where is my | help to come?
- <sup>2</sup>My help comes | from the LORD,  
the maker of heav- | en and earth.
- <sup>3</sup>The LORD will not let your | foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.
- <sup>4</sup>Behold, the keep- | er of Israel  
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep; **R**
- <sup>5</sup>the LORD watches | over you;  
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;
- <sup>6</sup>the sun will not strike | you by day,  
nor the | moon by night.
- <sup>7</sup>The LORD will preserve you | from all evil  
and will | keep your life.
- <sup>8</sup>The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,  
from this time forth for- | evermore. **R**

## Second Reading

*2 Timothy 3:14--4:5*

<sup>14</sup>But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

<sup>4:1</sup>In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup>proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## \*Gospel Acclamation

s142a

# **\*Gospel**

*Luke 18:1-8*

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup>He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup>In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' <sup>4</sup>For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Children's Message**

## **Sermon**

## **Hymn of the Day**

#745 Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright

## **\*Nicene Creed**

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**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **\*Prayers of Intercession**

The Assembly responds, "Hear our prayer."

## **\*Sharing of the Peace**

# Meal

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## Offering

*I Am Not Alone arr. Heather Sorenson*

*Jubilate*

## \*Offertory Response

#884 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow (v. 1 only)

## \*Offertory Prayer

**God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## \*The Great Thanksgiving and Preface

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

through our Savior Jesus Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **\*Holy, Holy, Holy**

s144b

## **\*Words of Institution**

## **\*Lord's Prayer**

s163, right column

**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.**

## **Communion**

- All baptized Christians who have been instructed in the meaning of this Sacrament and who believe in the Real Presence of Christ are invited to the table.
- The ushers will direct you forward for distribution.
- Children are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.
- If you are unable to kneel, please remain standing.
- White grape juice is provided at the center of the tray.
- Gluten-free bread is available in the left line upon request.

# Lamb of God

s146

## Music during Communion

#614 There Is a Balm in Gilead

#742 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

#767 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

## Prayer after Communion

God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received - Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

# Sending

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## \*Blessing

## \*Sending Song

#840 Now Thank We All Our God

## \*Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

**Thanks be to God.**

## \*Sending Music

*Rev. Ernesto Medina, Transitional Senior Pastor*      *Pat Jeardoe, Maintenance*  
*Rev. Leah Lawson, Associate Pastor*      *Erin Blake, Director of Music/Organist*  
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