

“Whoever welcomes
one such child
in my name
welcomes me.”

MARK 9:37, NRSV



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PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN *"Christ Be My Leader"* LSB 861

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with you there is forgiveness: therefore you are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as his people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking his grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. It is my privilege as a called and ordained servant of Christ to announce God's grace to all of you. All of our sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

P: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, you have been called to serve St. John as Sunday School and Bible Study teachers. This is a work in which our Father in heaven takes great joy, but also involves a great responsibility. Hear what the Scriptures have to say concerning this:

J: *"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."* (Deuteronomy 6:4-7)

P: "We, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching." (Romans 12:5-7)

J: *Beloved in the Lord, you are to assist us, the ministers of God's Word, in teaching God's people according to His Word. You are to prepare yourselves for this work by studying the Scriptures. While living a holy life and obeying God are expected of all the members of St. John, it is especially important that you live, by work and example, faithfully to Him.*

P: In the presence of God and of this congregation, we therefore ask you: Do you accept the position entrusted to you, and do you promise to faithfully carry out your duties, trusting in the Lord and living according to His Word?

C: I do.

J: *Members of St. John, you have heard the promises of faithfulness spoken by these men and women. Do you promise to support them in their work, to remember them in your prayers, and to work with them to the best of the abilities God has given you. If so then answer: We do.*

C: We Do.

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, I now install you as Sunday School teachers at St. John Lutheran Church in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

J: *Let us pray: O Lord, grant to these, your faithful people, the gifts of wisdom and kindness, that they may effectively teach and guide. Grant to all your people, young to old, an eagerness to learn more about you. Help us all to know and praise you now and forever; through Jesus Christ.*

C: Amen.

P: Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray; O Lord, keep your Church in your perpetual mercy; and because without you we cannot but fail, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸ The Lord made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. ¹⁹ But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more." ²⁰ But, O Lord of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

James 3:13-4:10

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵ This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

^{4:1} What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ² You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴ You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? ⁶ But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 205

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
These things are written, that you may believe
That Jesus is the Christ, the son of God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 9th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." ³² But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

³³ And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" ³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵ And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶ And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain"

LSB 865

MESSAGE

PRAYERS

PREFACE and SANCTUS

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 him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right and salutary that ... evermore praising you and singing:

**All (Sung): Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are you Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on those whom you created and sent your only begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin. We beg you to forgive, renew and strengthen us with your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat his body and drink his blood as he bids us do in his own testament. To you alone, O Father, be all glory and honor and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI (Spoken)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI*"Lamb of God"*

LSB 550

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS *"O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"* LSB 632
 "Shepherd of Tender Youth" LSB 864

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray; we give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this life-giving gift, and we ask you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you his peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *"I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"* LSB 729

POSTSERVICE MUSIC**Serving Us In Worship This Morning**

Elder: Mark Stanley (8 AM) & Ernie Soderlund (10:30 AM)

Usher: Russ Boggs (8 AM) & TBD

Acolyte: Taylor Engel (8 AM) & Luke Heinz (10:30 AM)

Reader: Jamie Herrmann (8 AM) & Alison Pinion (10:30 AM)

Technology: Braeden Tiedt (8 AM) & Joe Ferwerda (10:30 AM)

Church Announcements for This Week!

Weekly Offering

Thank you to all who have been faithful in giving of their offering through the pandemic. The church has been able to hold their own, but offering gets tight during the summer months. Even though giving goes down, our bills still need to be paid. We ask that you still give even if you are not going to be attending worship with us in person. If you would like to give an online offering you can do so by going to our website and clicking the "give now" tab at the top of the page. If you would like to mail in your offering you can send it to PO Box 85 Burlington, IL 60109 or arrange to drop it off during the week. In order to record your giving properly please continue to use your envelopes or include a note with your envelope number. More envelopes are available outside the church office if need.

Volunteer opportunities here at St. John

With two services and Sunday School starting soon we need volunteers to help on a regular basis. We are looking for people to service as Ushers, Readers, and up in the Technology booth running the slides and making sure the live-stream is working. We are also in need for Sunday School teachers. If you are interested in serving or at least finding out a little more about what they are please talk with DCE Joe Ferwerda. Please consider helping us out and serving. Joe has sign up sheets on the back table for those who would like to sign up to serve as Elder, Reader, Usher, ect.

National Youth Gathering Meeting

We will be having a meeting for all of those youth and adults that would like to attend the next National Youth Gathering next July in Houston Texas. This meeting will take place at 5:30 PM on Wednesday September 29th in the church. If you are interested in going but not able to be at the meeting please let Joe know and he will make sure you get all the important information. Registration needs to be mailed in on November 1st so decisions need to be made soon. Any adults that want to be chaperones for this wonderful life changing experience please talk with Joe!

Food Pantry Update

The month of August we served 18 families which includes 67 individuals. Items we are short on are variety crackers, cookies, facial tissues, jars of ready made frosting, Pop Tarts, rice and pasta side pkgs. Monetary donations are always welcome as we do pay rent and may be mailed to Burlington/Hampshire Area Food Pantry P.O. Box 651 Hampshire, IL. 60140 Donations accepted the First Saturday of each month from 9-10 A.M. at the Pantry 147 Mill Ave. Hampshire and the Sunday before the 3rd Monday 10-noon. Next distribution is Monday September 20 and Saturday September 25 9-10 A.M.

Help wanted!

Immanuel Lutheran Church in DeKalb is looking for a part time church secretary for approximately 12 hours a week. If you or some one you know would be good for this role, please send a resume and cover letter via email to DarleneH@immnaueldekalb.com or drop off in person at the Immanuel church office. Hours are somewhat flexible but will be certainly include Thursday and Friday mornings. Applicant should be comfortable and proficient with computers, especially Microsoft Word, Publisher as well as social media and other computer applications. Please contact Darlene in the office via email or at 815-756-6669 with any questions.

Christian Faith & Life Conference

Saint John Lutheran Church in Sycamore invites you to its Christian Faith Conference on Saturday, October, 23 (8:00-12:30pm). What does it mean to be a Christian in a woke world? A baptized child of God in a world where 'oppressors' are everywhere, where groups are pitted against each another, where natural law is ignored, where individuals are judged by the color of their skin? Wherein do we find courage to speak the truth in love, confess the hope within us, and love those who despise us? The Rev. Paul Dare – senior pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Alexandria, Minnesota and regular guest on Issues, Ect. – will present on the theme: "Christians in a Woke World: A Call to Courage and Confession." This conference is geared to both adults and teenagers. Participants will dive into God's Word, have plenty of time for Q&A, and enjoy brotherly fellowship interspersed with refreshments. More information and the conference schedule are available at Saint John's website (stjohnsycamore.org). For planning purposes, please pre-register.



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