



PRAY FOR ALL PEOPLE.

ASK GOD TO HELP THEM ...
AND GIVE THANKS FOR THEM.

1 TIMOTHY 2:1, NLT

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A Word of Welcome

We bid a cordial welcome to everyone this morning. It is great to have you worshiping with us. We especially welcome our guest today and ask you to sign our guest register in the narthex. May our worship today give you the blessings of God in our Lord Jesus as we respond in love, praise, and adoration. As confessional Lutherans we take these words from 1 Corinthians 11 seriously – “For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.” Out of Christian love and concern for everyone, we do not want anyone to eat and drink judgment on themselves. If you are not a member at St John we ask that you talk to Pastor before coming up to the Lord’s Table. We hope you’re your worship wish us is uplifting and fulfilling. Thank you for joining us today!

PRESERVICE MUSIC *“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN *“Today Your Mercy Calls Us”* LSB 915

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, and receive the body and blood of our Lord in the fellowship of this table, 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.

PRESENTATION OF CUB SCOUT GOD & FAMILY AWARD

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

Amos 8:4-7

⁴ Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, ⁵ saying, "When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, ⁶ that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?"

⁷The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Timothy 2:1-15

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³ This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

⁸ I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; ⁹ likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰ but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. ¹¹ Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹² I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³ For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴ and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵ Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

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. Luke the 16th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-15

¹ He also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ² And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' ³ And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' ⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶ He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' ⁷ Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' ⁸ The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. ¹⁰ "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹ If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³ No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

¹⁴ The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵ And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

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 *"You Are the Way, Through You Alone"* LSB 526

MESSAGE

OFFERING



Ways To Give

- Online: Scan QR Code
- Text: "General" to 84576
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OFFERTORY

"Give Thanks"

LSB 806

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO OUR 3RD GRADERS

Pastor: At this time we ask the third graders and their parents to please come forward for the presentation of their Bibles.

Joe: *The Lord God, by His Holy Spirit, has caused all Scripture to be 'written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.' Such learning takes place when we hear 'the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.' Psalm 119 says, 'Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light to my path.'*

Pastor: In response to God's grace-filled action in Baptism, we as parents, Godparents, and as a whole congregation vowed to God and to the child baptized that we would fulfill the following promises: To faithfully bring them to worship in God's house; to place in their hands the Holy Scriptures, the Word of God; and to provide for their instruction in the Christian faith. This morning, St. John has the opportunity and the privilege to share in helping parents keep these promises and it is our joy as a congregation to place the Holy Bible in the hands of our Third-Grade class.

Joe: *Parents, please give this Bible to your children and repeat after me:*

Because God loves you ...

And because we love you ...

We give you this Bible, God's Word ...

That you may come to know Jesus better.

Joe: *Let us pray. Wonderful and gracious God, thank you for the gift of these children whom you have placed in our care. Thank you for parents and everyone who work hard to keep their baptismal promises. Lord, You have given us Your Word to be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. We implore You to bless these Bibles. Enlighten the hearts and minds of all who read from them, and open the ears of all who hear the Gospel proclaimed from them, that by Your Spirit they may earnestly hold fast to Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Through His name we pray. Amen.*

Pastor: Empowered by the Holy Spirit, and armed with His sword, which is the Word of God, go in peace, and serve the Lord. Amen.

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 *"The Lamb"* LSB 547

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"* LSB 623

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 *"Brothers and Sisters in Christ"*

Verse 1

Sing Allelulia! Amen!
Let your prayers and your praises ascend.
Lift up your voices and sing
to our Lord God, our Savior, our King!
Here brought together by grace,
we are gathered as friends in this place.

Chorus

And assembled as one, in the name of the Son,
lifting hearts, lifting hands, celebrating as friends,
and proclaiming the Lord, all our praises afford.
We are brothers and sisters in Christ.

Verse 2

Man walked alone and in need,
without faith, hope or promise or creed;
wandering aimlessly lost
unaware of the staggering cost;
that God in his mercy would save
all his people from death and the grave.

Chorus

And assembled as one, in the name of the Son,
lifting hearts, lifting hands, celebrating as friends,
and proclaiming the Lord, all our praises afford.
We are brothers and sisters in Christ.

Verse 3

Lord, teach us how to proclaim
all your goodness, your love and your name!

Lord, teach us how to forgive,
and in love, teach us Lord, how to live.

Raising our voices in song,
help us tell all the world we belong.

Chorus

And assembled as one, in the name of the Son,
lifting hearts, lifting hands, celebrating as friends,
and proclaiming the Lord, all our praises afford.

We are brothers and sisters in Christ.

POSTSERVICE MUSIC *"Postlude In G Major"*

+ To God Alone Be The Glory +

Church Announcements for This Week!

Text-To-Give Now Available!

We are excited to announce that members and visitors of the church can text an offering or donation to the church through their cell phones. To make a secure gift to the general fund text the word "general" to 84576. You can even give to the building improvement Fund to help us reach our goal for a new parking lot by texting the word "ParkingLot" to 84576.

Sunday School & Christian Education Hour

After our worship this morning Sunday School Children will gather in the sanctuary to sing some songs and Pastor Pinion will introduce this week lesson. After we will split into individual classes separated by grade to go over the lesson. If you have any questions about Sunday School, please contact Sunday School Superintendent Deb Robar or DCE Joe Ferwerda. Confirmation students will meet with Pastor after he is finished with the Sunday School introduction and do their lesson.

Adult Bible Study

This morning we will be starting up Adult Bible study during the education hour in the "Cry Room". DCE Joe Ferwerda will be leading a study that focuses on how God used imperfect people to change the world. Anybody from high school youth and above are welcome to join us each week.

Youth Group Tonight!

We will be heading over to St. John's Union to participate in a National Youth Group night. We will be joining youth from around the united states in a discussion, games, and worship. Please be at church by 5:30 PM and talk with Joe if you will be there!

Elders Meeting This Wednesday

If you are member of the Board of Elders please remember that we have a meeting this Wednesday Evening at 7 PM in the fellowship hall. If you are unable to be there please talk with Mark Stanley.

Save The Date for Oktoberfest 2022!

We are happy to announce that Oktoberfest 2022 will be happening on Saturday October 15th from 4-7 pm in the fellowship hall. Plans are now being made to make this event a huge success. If you would like to help plan this event please talk with Tom Toman or Jeanette Pinion.



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Name: _____

Date: _____

Sermon Text: _____

(Announced at beginning of the sermon)

What do you, in your own word, consider to be the main points of today's message?

What is one story, image, example or thought from the sermon that will help you remember the message of the sermon?

After hearing the sermon, I want to ask pastor or Joe....