

Worship Guide – May 16
9:30 AM Worship

+ WE GATHER BEFORE GOD +

WELCOME

PRELUDE: Crown Him with Many Crowns - arr. Davis
Trumpets: Dave Lewis and Curry Moyer

Favorite Hymns for Trumpet, Complied & Edited by Keith Snell
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LIGHTING OF THE TRINITY CANDLE

St. John's is a community that is
Ignited by Spirit, Growing in Love.
We begin our worship in the name of the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

CONFSSION

God, we believe you have called us to unity,
but often we have isolated ourselves from others,
**God, forgive us for the times we have turned our backs
on those who are different.**
God, we believe you have called us
to live together as one body,
**God, forgive us for the times we have created division
within your worldwide church.**
God, we believe you ask us to look, listen,
and learn from others,
**God, forgive us for the times we have ridiculed and attacked
those with different viewpoints.**
God, we believe you ask us to accept and seek to understand
all who are called by your name,
**Forgive us for the times we have offended you
by failing to love others as we do ourselves.**
God, we believe you call us to be one
even as you are one,
**Forgive us for the disunity we have harbored
and make us one.**

Silence for reflection.

God and Creator of all humankind, your son Jesus Christ prayed that your church might be one even as you our God are one. May you renew our minds and rekindle your love in our hearts, so that by the power of the Spirit, we might find the Oneness that you intend for us.

**God, may we see in your Oneness our need for unity,
God, may we see in your Three-ness our need for community
God, may we see in your creativity our need for diversity,
God, may we see in your Self our need to love each other. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN ELW 482 I Come with Joy

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

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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.

HYMN OF PRAISE He Is Lord

He is Lord, He is Lord,
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord;
ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Repeat

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PRAYER

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth. Help us to see your presence burning in the hearts of others; grant that we may be united in a fellowship of love and prayer; give us the courage to pick up our cross and respond to the needs of the world, give us the stamina to follow you, to be your hands and heart in the world; enable us to witness to your grace and mercy. We pray all this through the love your son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

+ WE HEAR GOD'S WORD +

FIRST READING: 1 John 5:9-13

God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Bind Us Together

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in Love.

There is only one God, There is only one King.
There is only one Body; that is why we can sing:

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in Love.

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GOSPEL: John 17:6-19

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not

belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 657 Rise, O Sun of Righteousness

Rise, O Sun of righteousness;
with your might creation bless.
Shine upon your church today,
showing all your gentle way.
Have mercy, Lord.

Gather in your scattered flock;
give us water from the rock.
Bless the unity we share
in our shepherd's loving care.
Have mercy, Lord.

Honor, praise, and glory be
to the holy Trinity!
May your gracious will be done:
make us one, as you are one.
Have mercy, Lord.

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APOSTLES' CREED

Together with Christians in all times and places, we profess our faith with the words of the 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 into hell.
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.

MUSICAL OFFERING Morning Has Broken – arr. Haydn
Trumpets: Dave Lewis and Curry Moyer

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, God, life everlasting.
Give us life in your name.

In the joy of the resurrection, in hope for the gift of your Spirit, we raise these prayers to you, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

As Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray,
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.

+ WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE +

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LWR LITANY OF THANKSGIVING AND HOPE

Almighty and gracious God,
You have so richly blessed us, but we pray for more, much more.

We pray for grateful hearts, for a humble awareness of our abundance amid all the world's poverty and pain.

Lord, we pray for more.

We pray for the courage to give generously of our resources — our imaginations, our time and abilities, our material wealth.

We pray yet for more, Lord.

We pray for the strength to reject the rationalizations which lead to indifference and silence in this climate of entitlement and insatiable desire.

Lord, for much more we pray.

We pray for confident hope, in the presence of such overwhelming needs, to know that our offering of personal care kits makes a welcome difference to others, and to you.

For still more, Lord, we pray.

We pray for lifestyles of justice and mercy, living more simply, being advocates for those more needful than we, supporting Fair Trade, being compassionate in our role as citizens.

Lord, yet again we pray for more.

We pray for your promised forgiveness for the fears, the selfishness, the thoughtlessness, the suspicions, the self-righteousness which hinder our loving service, and then pray for grateful and greater obedience to mark our thanksgiving.

Yet for one more thing we pray.

We pray you would bless those who labor on our behalf through all the work of Lutheran World Relief and its partners, that we would uphold them with our prayers, our encouragement, our gifts, our willingness to learn and to invite the support of others.

In the name of our Lord who encouraged us to ask boldly when we pray, Amen.

Litany written by Pastor Emeritus Ed Whetstone, Salem Lutheran Church, Catonsville, Maryland.

BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 389 Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

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DISMISSAL

Christ is risen, just as he said.
Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Trumpet Duo – arr. Wolff
Trumpets: Dave Lewis and Curry Moyer

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Please continue to keep the following people connected to our congregation in your prayers:

Alex Kunkel, Bob Moran, Betsy Rodger, Robin Seasock, Paige Seasock, Peyton Seasock, Nancy Terpoilli, Brian Allebach, Glen Van Dyke, Charles Krupp, Jean Leister, Kenny Nace, Tom Ciesielka, Abigail and Eric Hails, Sonny Carson, Frank Puskoskie, Ann Brown Hager, Alyssa Gegan, David Mounts, Ann Lewis, Carolyn Iris, Melissa Snyder, Sandy Umstead, Theresa Hasson, Renaud Fix, Joseph and Lisa Yost, Theresa Gross, Lynda Lysoby, David and Linda Kratzer, Leah Crater and Leanne Kratzer.

This Week at St. John's

Mon, May 17 th	7:30pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting (zoom)
Thur, May 20 th	5:30-6:30pm Hoagie Order pick up
Sun, May 23 rd	9:30am Pentecost Worship (zoom) 11-12am Drive Thru Farewell Celebration for Janet Aldinger

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

Worship Attendance 5/9/2021 – Zoom - 49 households		
Giving Amounts	Total received between 4/25-5/8/2021	Amount Needed between 4/25-5/8/2021
General Fund	\$6,702.82	\$11,216
Building Fund	\$560.14	
<i>Weekly average is based on the 2021 budget. A weekly building fund amount needed is no longer reported as the building fund has been used for the mortgage, which has been paid off. All other building expenses are included in General Fund budget and giving. The above numbers include electronic giving. Mint duty is being done every other week for the time being.</i>		

Capital Campaign Activity Update		
Capital Campaign Contributions Pledged		\$ 260,000.00
Capital Campaign Contributions received between 3/14/4/3/2021		\$150
Capital Campaign Contributions received to date		\$ 250,204.65



Janet Aldinger's last Sunday as Music Director at St. John's will be Sunday, May 23.

A drive-thru celebration will be held that morning from 11 am to 12 noon.

Save the date so you can be part of the celebration of Janet's three decades of ministry here at St. John's.



Graduate Recognition Sunday

On June 6, we will take time during worship to recognize our graduates – whether that be preschool/kindergarten, elementary school, middle school, high school, college or graduate school graduates. If you would like for your graduate to be recognized on June 6, please submit the following information to the church office by Sunday, May 30:

- Student's name and where he/she is graduating from.
- Where student is headed next (school, work, military, etc.)
- A picture of the graduate

Pick up your Heavenly Helper Hoagie order

Thursday, May 20 from 5:30-6:30 pm.



To order your June hoagie please contact Elaine Keller by phone (215.262.5366) or email elaineakeller@comcast.net before June 10 for a June 17th pick up. If you have any questions about the hoagies or our trips, please contact Elaine.

New Dates available! Meal Train for Brian & Jennifer Allebach



As you may be aware, Brian Allebach, former chancel choir director at St. John's, was diagnosed with ALS in 2019. As the disease progresses and life changes for the Allebachs each week, we are hoping to support them in whatever ways we can.

A meal train, to provide a meal on Saturdays, has been started. To access the meal train sign-up, see what dates are available and find out all the pertinent information, see the weekly email or contact the church office.

Brian also loves to receive cards - so feel free to drop one in the mail to their home address, which is: Brian Allebach, 1096 Soffa Road, East Greenville, PA 18041

Thank you for your tender care for this family at this challenging time - and watch for new ways to be present with and for them in the months to come.