

Order for Worship
September 19, 2021
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday

WELCOME

PRELUDE Brother James' Air (The Lord's my Shepherd) – Searle Wright

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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,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

God our comforter:

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.

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.

Amen.

HYMN ELW 781 Children of the Heavenly Father

Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, tr. Ernst W. Olson

Music: Swedish folk tune

Text c. 1925 Board of Publication, Lutheran Church in America

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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 Glory to God



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia!



GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

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."³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?"³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."³⁶Then 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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Becky Schanely

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 659 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

Text: Richard Gillard, b. 1953

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CHILDREN'S SERMON and FAITH FORMATION BLESSING

God of all wisdom, we praise you for gifting us with curiosity and learning. Give to all students, teachers, and caregivers a clear sense of your love. May they feel your presence throughout this school year. Guide their choices, their quest for knowledge, and their relationships. Use their successes and failures as opportunities to grow in understanding of who you would have them to be. Continue to shape them, that they may walk in the way of Christ, grow strong in Spirit's love for all people, and know the complete joy of life in you.

BENEDICTION

People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, one God,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 712 Lord, Whose Love in humble service

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good-will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly

Music: The Sacred Harp, arr. Selected Hymns, 1985

Text: Oxford University Press

Arr. c. 1985 Augsburg Fortress

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune in F Major – Scott M. Hyslop

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Mark your calendar

Mon 9/20	7PM Worship & Music Committee meeting
Tue 9/21	7PM Third Year Confirmation
Wed 9/22	7PM First & Second Year Confirmation
Sun 9/26	8:45AM Faith Formation
	9:30AM Worship & Zoom
	following worship GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS projects

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

Worship Attendance		
9/12/2021 – In Person 44, Zoom - 28 households		
Giving Amounts	Total received between 8/29-9/11/2021	Amount Needed between 8/29-9/11/2021
General Fund	\$13,249.11	\$11,216
Building Fund	\$307.76	
<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 8/29-9/11/2021		\$110
Capital Campaign Contributions received to date		\$ 251,339.65
Gifts given to the general fund in memory of Pastor Charles Eiss by Erma Sheror, Beverly Wachtmann, Shirley Banko, Frederick and Juidith Ockenlaender and to the youth fund by the Eiss family.		

Sunday School has begun—Sundays 8:45 to 9:15 for pre-K through 5th grade.



All participants, please wear a mask. The theme this year is “*Celebrating the Season: Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall... God is with us through them all!*”

Connections (grades 6, 7 and 8) and High School Youth Class (grades 9-12) will meet on the first Sunday of each month, **beginning in October 3rd**. We hope you can join! Questions?

Please email Jamie Hovanec at jlhovanec78@gmail.com.

St. John’s Faith Formation needs your help. Would you like to teach Sunday School, Connections or the High School Youth Class? Everything will be prepared for you and ready to go on the day you teach.

Sunday School will be held every Sunday 8:45-9:15. We are hoping to run two classes (Pre-K-1st and 2nd-5th) You can teach every week, every other week or once a month, whatever works with your schedule.

Connections (grades 6-8) and the High School Youth Class (grades 9-12) will meet on the first Sunday of each month beginning in October. If you would like to teach either of these classes, it would be great for one teacher to volunteer for the once a month duration, but we are flexible.

If you can’t teach, perhaps you can donate supplies. We need: Hand sanitizer, spray cleaners, wipes, sketch pads (any kind will work... they are about \$5 at Walmart 6x9 or 8.5x11), Canvas tote bags and Oriental Trading, Michaels or Amazon gift cards.

Contact Jamie Hovanec jlhovanec78@gmail.com, if you have any questions or if you are interested in helping this year.



**St. John's is hoping to offer the
Trunk or Treat again this fall
on Sunday, October 24
2-4 PM**

Before we advertise this event, we want to make sure we have enough trunks to make it worthwhile.

If you are willing to create a trunk display for Trunk or Treat on Oct 24, please email pbarndt@barndtagency.com by October 5th.

Bags of individually wrapped Halloween candy and treats can be dropped off at church starting Sunday, October 3rd and will be divided up amongst the trunks to hand out.



If you have and/or, are interested in participating in the musical life of St. John's, please contact me, preferably via e-mail to let me know what your specific interests are, e.g. choir, praise team, handbells, instrumental or vocal solos, etc. It's important that I have plenty of information for planning purposes, especially in light of social distancing protocols. You can reach me at bmod7@comcast.net. Thank you! Ben



YPO Fall Kick-Off around the Fire Pit Tonight @ 7 PM
Join Pastor Becky at the fire pit to discuss YPO activities for this year.
Bring a chair – munchies and drinks will be provided.

Bible Workshop

Saturday, October 2 8:00-9:30 AM

Do you have a student in grades 2-4 who hasn't received a Bible from St. John's? Then we invite you to be part of our Bible workshop. A parent/guardian is expected to attend the workshop with each student.

Visit the link below to register your student for the workshop by September 26.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084FA8AD2CAAFD0-bible>

First Communion Workshop

Saturday, November 13 9:30-11:30 AM

Do you have a young person in grades 2-6 who hasn't received communion yet but is interested in doing so? Then this workshop is for you! This workshop will prepare students to receive Holy Communion, which they will do within worship on Sunday, November 21.

A parent/guardian is expected to attend the workshop with each student.

Visit the link below to register for the workshop by Sunday, November 7

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084FA8AD2CAAFD0-first3>



**God's work.
Our hands.**

God's Work Our Hands

On **Sunday, September 26**, St. John's will celebrate God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. We will offer two ways for the congregation to use their hands to do God's work on this day.

1) *Community Food Collection*

As we've done in past years, we will be doing a collection of food items to support the food pantry at Open Link. Bags will be distributed into a number of local community neighborhoods on Sunday, September 19. The bags will then be picked up on September 26 and all the items collected will be displayed for worship on Harvest Home Sunday, October 3.

How can you participate?

- Individuals and families are needed on Sunday, September 19 to distribute bags in local neighborhoods. A map will be provided along with bags that are to be dropped off. Teams will be sent out from church following worship (approx. 10:45 AM).
- Individuals and families are needed on Sunday, September 26 to go back out to those local neighborhoods and pick up the bags that have been filled and left out for us. A map will be provided. Once food has been collected, it is unloaded at church, unpacked, expiration dates checked and displayed in the sanctuary. The time commitment will be from the end of worship (approx. 10:45 AM) till 12:30 PM.
- Individuals will also be needed on Sunday, October 3 to package up all the donations for delivery to Open Link's food pantry. The time commitment is from the end of worship (approx. 10:45 AM) until 11:45 AM.

Sign up for all time slots for the Food Collection here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084FA8AD2CAAFD0-gods>

2) *Cleaning Bags*

Another project we'll be doing this year for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is putting together cleaning bags for Keystone Opportunity Center to distribute to families that are moving into a new home to give them some of the necessary supplies they need. The great thing about this project is you can do it all at home – do your shopping, package all the items in a reusable grocery bag and then bring them to church on Sunday, September 26 for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday or on Sunday, October 3 for Harvest Home Sunday.

What all goes in a Cleaning Bag?

Well, it's up to you – you can pick as many of the items listed as you feel comfortable including, we just ask that you package all the items in a reusable shopping bag* (not plastic grocery bags or paper grocery bags). *the church has some in the parlor

Items that can be included: Sponges or scrubbies, 1 roll of paper towels, Dish soap, Laundry soap, Lysol wipes, Trash bags (13 gal size), Toilet bowl cleaner and brush, Liquid spray cleaner, 4 pack of toilet paper

Even in a pandemic, we can continue to find ways to use our hands to do God's work in our local community. We hope you'll come out this September to use your hands to do God's work with us!

Meal Train for Brian & Jennifer Allebach

Several Dates are available—*Please sign up TODAY!*

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.



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