

October 13, 2024
10:15 AM
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

+ GATHERING +
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND GREETING

PRELUDE Lord Jesus Christ, be present now – J.S. Bach

THE 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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

HYMN ELW 527 Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+ WORD +

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Psalm 90:12-17

So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry?

Be gracious to your servants.

Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us
and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

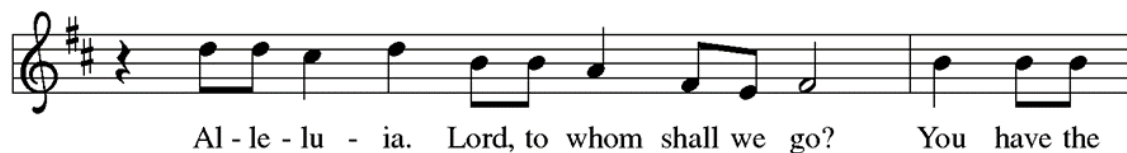
Show your servants your works,
and your splendor to their children.

**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-40

At the beginning of the reading:

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the reading:

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY Ignited by Spirit

1. This is our stor - y, we ga - ther to - day. Hearts and minds o - pen, for guid - ance we
 2. We'll share Your word with com - pas - sion and love. Be - ing good stew - ards with help from a -
 3. As we now wor - ship, Lord teach us to - day. Shar - ing our tal - ents, come show us the

pray. We glo - ri - fy You, wel - com - ing all. Learning to - geth - er to an - swer Your
 bove. When we have doubts we'll look to Your light. Our light shines on - ward, e - ter - nal - ly
 way. Know - ing and trust - ing, stand - ing as one. Em - brac - ing Your love, through Je - sus Your

call.
 bright. Ig - ni - ted by Spir - it, Grow - ing in Love, Listen - ing and pray - ing, rais - ing our
 Son.

song. — Ig - nit - ed by Spir - it, Grow - ing in Love. Faith - ful - ly serv - ing here at St. John's.

APOSTLE'S CREED

Together with people of faith 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.

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING Come Down, O Love Divine – setting by Howard Helvey

OFFERTORY

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

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.

+ SENDING +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

God all mighty,
God most merciful
bless you, keep you,
and give you peace,
in the name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 810 O Jesus, I Have Promised

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE A Joyous Voluntary – Lowell Mason

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PRAYER LIST

Please continue to keep the following people connected to our congregation in your prayers: Bob Moran, Leonard & Martha Gibeon, David Mounts, Ruthie Jadick, Jill Iris, Ed Schanely, Jarod Guess, Karen Moore, Elaine Keller, Steve Keyser, Andrew Breuninger, Patricia and Everett VonFrank, Marie Wolfe, Doris Slonaker, Joe Tursi, Marisa, Brooks Maurer, the Stauffer family, Diane Quinn and Tiffany Reber.

Mark Your Calendar

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| Monday, October 14 | 5:30pm Fall Soup & Study 7:30pm Council Meeting |
| Wednesday, October 16 | 5:30 Third Year Confirmation Learning –dinner included |
| Thursday, October 17 | 10am Card Crew 7:30 Marketing and Communications meeting |
| Saturday, October 19 | 11am Linda Eiss memorial service |
| Sunday, October 20 | 8am Worship 9am Faith Formation 10:15am Worship 2-4pm Fall Fling |

The Fall Fling & Trunk or Treat is Sunday, October 20th from 2-4. Please bring in bags of individually wrapped candy and/or sign up to decorate a trunk for this annual event (see the weekly newsletter for the link).

Youth Group Last Saturday Gathering October 26th from 5-9pm at the Barndt Residence— Dinner, Bonfire, Hayride... come out and join the fun!

Card Crew - Join us for Card Crew this Thursday, October 17th, at 10 am. Enjoy coffee and cake in the Fellowship Hall as we sign and address cards. There is something for everyone to do!

Fall Soup & Study Join us on Monday evenings this fall for homemade soup and conversation around the book *Hope: A User's Manual* by MaryAnn McKibben Dana. Soup and study will run through October 28.

Coffee Bar needs your help! Sign up for a Sunday to provide goodies or to help set up or clean up for this wonderful time of fellowship. A sign up is available in the coffee bar area or go to [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4EACAD2FAA8-coffee#/
to sign up online.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4EACAD2FAA8-coffee#/)

Women's One Day Retreat, Saturday, November 16th from 9AM to 3PM. Join us at the Innabqah Camp & Retreat Center in Spring City. Bring a friend! Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084FA8AD2CAAFD0-51384045-adayapart#/>

RISE AGAINST HUNGER Meal Packaging Event—Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Three shifts available; 9-10:30 set up; 10:30-11:45 first meal packaging shift; 12:15-1:30 Second meal packaging shift. Lunch will be served to all participants from 11:45-12:15. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084FA8AD2CAAFD0-51286077-meal#/>

FALL BIBLE WORKSHOP St. John's typically gives out Bibles to students in 2nd Grade. The fall workshop is for 2nd graders and any other student in grades 3-5 who has not previously received a Bible from church. Please register your student here to participate in this workshop.

The workshop will be held on Sunday, October 20 from 8:45 - 10:15 AM. A parent/guardian is required to attend the workshop with each student. Students will receive their Bibles during worship at 10:15 AM on Sunday, October 27.

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