



St. John's Lutheran Church, ELCA
Sunday, September 8th, 2024-8 & 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, September 11th, 2024-6p.m.
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude-8A.M. ONLY

"Jesus, Joy of Desiring"-J.S.Bach
"Come, We That Love the Lord"-William France

Welcome

† Confessions and Forgiveness-8A.M. ONLY

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sins, whose mercy endures forever.

All: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

All: 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.

P: 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.

All: Amen.

Service of Holy Baptism for Kole Johnson-**10:30A.M. ONLY**

P: Let us welcome Kole.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Song

Sunday 10:30a.m. ***"We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus"- screen***

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

All: O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Song

Sunday-8a.m. ***"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"*** ELW # 708
10:30a.m. ***"I Lift My Hands"***

Wed.-***"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"*** v. 1-3 ELW # 620

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

R: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [¹¹For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.] ¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

R: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

†P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the seventh chapter beginning at verse twenty-four.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. ³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

† Children's Message

Message

🕊️ Song

Sunday-8a.m. ***“Glorious Things of You are Spoken”*** ELW # 647

10:30a.m. ***“The Heart of Worship”***

Wednesday 6p.m.-***“We Come to You for Healing Lord”*** ELW # 617

✝️ Apostles' Creed-**SUNDAY 8A.M. & WEDNESDAY 6P.M. ONLY**

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 again 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.

Prayers of Intercession-see prayer sheet

Offering

Offering Song-**SUNDAY 8A.M. ONLY**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures
here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Offering Song-**WEDNESDAY 6P.M. ONLY**

“Share the Spirit”

Open my hand, open my heart; Teach me to share the spirit of your
love. Open my hand, open my heart; So I can spread the peace;
That flows from heaven above. I'll share the spirit, share the spirit; I'll
open wide and celebrate your love. I'll share the spirit, Share the
spirit, open my life to celebrate God's love.

Music and words by Connie Jueds, 1996

Offering Prayer

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

All: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving SUNDAY 8A.M. & 10:30A.M. ONLY

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

P: On the night in which he was betrayed...

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Welcome to Communion-10:30a.m. Only

P. Today this community of faith rejoices as *Kole Johnson* joins us in sharing the meal of holy communion:

P. In the sacrament of holy baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ....

P. Let us welcome our *brother* in Christ to holy communion.

All: Welcome to the Lord's table. We thank God for you. We pray that you will find joy and strength in this meal, until we feast forever at God's heavenly banquet.

Invitation to Communion

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

Communion

Sunday 10:30a.m. An usher will direct you for Holy Communion. Our First Communion students and family will come to the table first.

Prayer after Communion

P: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Announcements

Song

Sunday-8a.m. ***"Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*** ELW # 886
10:30a.m. ***"Let Your Kingdom Come"***

Wednesday 6p.m.-“*Let There Be Peace On Earth*”

Verse 1

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God as our Father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony

Verse 2

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me

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Blessing

P: Beloved, we are God’s own people, holy, washed, renewed.
God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with
courage, and give you peace.

All: Amen.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share your bread.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude-**8A.M. ONLY**

“The Trumpets Sound, The angels Sing”-Graham Kendrick

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