

Holy Communion



**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 15, 2024**

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Bath, PA**

**Flowers Presented In Memory of Russell Snyder
by Wife, Irene**

**Bulletins Presented in Honor of Our 22nd Wedding
Anniversary by Laura Tiers**

Prelude: "Prelude on An Old Hymn"

arr. Jane Carrier

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

The assembly stands. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

*P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*C: **Amen.**

*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*C: **Amen.**

*P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand for Silence for reflection and self-examination.

*P: Most merciful God,

*C: **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*C: **Amen.**

***The Greeting**

*P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*C: **And also with you.**

***Prayer of the Day**

*P: O God,

*C: **Through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴ The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷ The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸ he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a} It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Second Reading: James 3:1-12

¹ Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ² For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴ Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the →

pilot directs. ⁵ So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸ but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹ Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

***Gospel Verse** (sung)

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***“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia”***

***P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

***C:** (sung) **Glory to you, O Lord**

***Gospel: Mark 8:27-38**

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸ And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹ He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” ³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and →

follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

***P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

***C:** (sung) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon/Sermon

***Hymn ELW #660** “Lift High the Cross”

8 am vs. 1&4

***Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was
conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the
virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated
at the right hand of the Father. 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**

***P:** Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God’s good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

***V:** We pray for the church throughout the world. Form us into communities of forgiveness and grace. Help us to notice where you are calling us into new relationships, and give us courage to embrace the uncomfortable and unfamiliar. Lord, in your mercy,

***C:** **Hear our prayer.**

*V: We pray for the earth and all its inhabitants. Protect lands at risk of wildfire and heal dying forests. Where fire brings destruction, raise up new growth. Guide us in tending precarious ecosystems. Lord, in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

*V: We pray for those who govern nations, tribes, and towns. Open them to the cries of people in need. Direct them in shaping policies that prioritize the health and well-being of all who struggle with hunger and housing insecurity. Lord, in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

*V: We pray for all who are ill, all who are lonely or anxious, and all who grieve (*pause*). Draw them close to you and soothe them with the promise of your enduring love. Lord, in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

*V: We pray for teachers, professors, librarians, school administrators, staff, and all who support the education of young people. Sustain them as they shape learning communities, rooted in equity and authenticity. We pray for children of all ages in their learning. Lord, in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

*V: We remember our beloved dead, who with the great cloud of witnesses bear witness to your saving grace. Accompany us in our pilgrimage of faith, that we too place our hope and trust in you. Lord, in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

*P: We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

***C: Amen.**

***The Peace**

*P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

***C: And also with you.**

***Offering**

The Offering may be dropped off at the beginning or end of the worship service. We will thank God for our blessings, including the ability to give an offering for the work of God's kingdom.

***Offertory Prayer**

*P: God of good gifts,

***C: Receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.**

***The Thanksgiving**

*P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Sanctus (sung)**

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**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power 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.**

***The Words of Institution**

*P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

*P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

***Lord's Prayer**

***C:** 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.

***Agnus Dei (sung)**

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

***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.

The bread and wine/grape juice will be distributed in the front of the church. If you would like to partake in your pew, please ask pastor to get you a pre-packaged communion set or ask an usher.

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you onto everlasting life. Amen.

***Post Communion Canticle (sung)**

***Thank the Lord and sing his praise;
tell everyone what he has done.***

***Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with
shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

***Prayer after Communion**

*P: Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

*C: **Amen.**

***Benediction**

*P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

*C: **Amen.**

***Hymn ELW #774** *“What A Fellowship, What A Joy Divine”*

***Dismissal**

*P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

*C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: “God, The Almighty”

arr. Gary Davidson

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Assisting in Worship Today

Altar Guild - June Klinger, Bonnie Vlasics

8:00 AM - Ushers - Sarajane Panovec, Jason Hartzell

Lector: John Fry - **Acolyte:** Volunteer

Communion Assistant: Kathy Walsh, Brian Walsh

10:15 AM - Ushers - Phyllis & Joe Andrews

Lector: Volunteer - **Acolyte:** Volunteer

Communion Assistant: Samantha Angst, Volunteer

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

We are glad that you are here to worship with us. We are now in the season of the "Sundays after Pentecost." The color of the Pentecost season is green, which leads us to think about the Pentecost season as a time of growth in our Christian faith. Throughout the fall we will read large portions of St. Mark's Gospel, working our way from chapter 2 to chapter 10.

On behalf of Jesus Christ, who was crucified and is now risen from the dead, we welcome you to worship. This morning we will hear the Good News as our lessons are read. We listen and sing to musical selections to worship God who is our creator, redeemer and sanctifier.

We will pray for all of God's people and all of our needs. You are welcome. All are welcome. All are welcome in this place.

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church				
Year-to-date Financial Status as of 6/30/2024				
Thank you for your support of the ministry of St. John's.				
2024 Budgeted-6 Months		Actual Revenue	Actual Expense*	Actual Overage/ (Shortage)
Current Revenue	\$111,126.00	\$99,281.00	\$102,134.00	(\$2,853.00)
Benevolence Offering	\$1,998.00	\$2,228.00	\$2,228.00	\$0.00
Improvement Offering	\$3,000.00	\$3,008.00	\$7,629.00	(\$4,621.00)
*Current Revenue/Expense indicated is for the day-to-day operations of the Church. Budgeted numbers are for information only. Reminder: please notify Jamie of any member status changes, address or name corrections. Please use first and last name for non-envelope contributions as we have multiple families with the same last name. Thank you!				

Red Beets: We scrub the second batch Sunday, September 29 at 5:00 pm. Cooking and dicing is Monday 9/30, and canning is Tuesday 10/1. If you are interested in helping please give Ned Hower a call 484-221-3946.

Upcoming Commemorations, Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr, died around 258, Monday, September 16, 2024, - Cyprian served as a bishop during a time of great persecution of Christians. He insisted on receiving back those who had left the faith under duress. He also provided medical care during a severe epidemic. **Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, died 1179 Tuesday, September 17, 2024** - A mystic who was widely influential within the church, Hildegard advised and reproved kings and popes, wrote poems and hymns, and produced treatises in medicine, theology, and natural history. She was also a musician and artist. **Dag Hammarskjöld, renewer of society, died 1961, Wednesday, September 18, 2024** - A Swedish diplomat, Hammarskjöld served as the second Secretary General of the United Nations until his death in a plane crash while trying to negotiate peace in present-day Zambia. His journal, published as Markings, revealed the depth of his Christian faith. **Nelson Wesley Trout, bishop, died 1996 Friday, September 20, 2024** - A native of Ohio, Trout served parishes in several parts of the United States before being elected bishop of the South Pacific District of the American Lutheran Church, the first African American Lutheran to serve in such a capacity. **Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, Saturday, September 21, 2024** - Matthew (or Levi) was a tax collector in Capernaum for the Roman government. Tax collectors were frequently despised for dishonesty and for assisting the occupiers. Jesus nevertheless showed love for them, and chose Matthew to be a disciple.

Today's Announcements - Sunday, September 15, 2024

This Week at St. John's Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

9/15/24 - Sun.	Worship/Communion	8:00 AM
	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	45 Min Bible Study	9:15 AM
	Worship/Communion	10:15 AM
	Masked Worship (Library)	11:30 AM
9/16/24 - Mon.	Quilters	9:00 AM-Noon
9/17/24 - Tues.	Council Meeting	7:00 PM
9/19/24 - Thurs.	Quiet Communion (Fellowship Hall)	1:00 PM
9/21/24 - Sun.	Worship	8:00 AM
	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	45 Min Bible Study	9:15 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
	Masked Worship (Library)	11:30 AM

Online Giving Option: We share with you the new e-giving platform, Vanco. This platform provides a secure and user-friendly way to give to our church online, and we are confident that it will make giving more convenient for many members of our congregation.

You can give now at this website link:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZAB8>. Whether you choose to give online or in person, your support is vital to the continued success of our church community. We are so grateful for your generosity and commitment to our shared mission. Thank you again for all that you do.



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Basket Raffle: We are now collecting gift cards, and basket donations for the fall basket raffle. Any and all extra help for this event would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested and willing to help please give Jamie a call at 484-221-3455 or send an e-mail to: stjohnbath@gmail.com. The basket raffle is set for September 26-28th.



Cow Chip Bingo: Tickets are now available contact the church office or Dawn Mayer at 610-837-9868 or by e-mailing stjohnbath@gmail.com. this event is held during the annual basket raffle.

Prayers Requested For: Jim Allem, Eileen Amy, Phyllis & Joe Andrews, Amy Beck, Allen Beck, Marsha Beck, Josie Beichy, Jan Bensing, the Boyle Family, Barb Brettle, Brother Bill, Cory Brown, Leslie Dennis, Bev Fehnel, Barry Fenstermaker, Laverne Fisher, Kathy Flamish, Lilly Funk, Arya Genevieve, Shawn Heckman, Erin Hartman, Troy Hoff, Ned Hower, Robert Hujsa, Chuck Humphrey, Scott & Heather Humphrey, Seana Isaac, Dennis Keithan, Gerry Keller, Danny Kresley, Lee Laubach, Shirley Laubach, Gwyn Long, Jorge Lugo, Ruth Metz, The Mosher Family, Sue Naylor, Danielle Notaro, Arlene Oplinger, Brent Rohlfing, Earl & Steve Schneider, Ethel Shive, Louise Siegfried, Barb Sigley, Beth Silfies, Rosalia Snyder, Gloria Sourwine, Dolly Trumbauer, James Tust, Stacey Tyreen, Ann Urban, Viola Wesner, Lisa Williams, Brenda Wilson, LaNor Wilson, Linda & Galen Wuchter, Susan Wuchter, Louise Yany, Richard Yelsits, Yvonne Yeager, Pauline Young, The Zeigler Family, Helen Zuercher, Robert Zuercher, Francis Zuercher.

***If you would like to add or remove a person from the prayer list,
contact the Church Office (610-837-1061).***