



**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
St. Michael and All Angels
September 29, 2024**

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

**Flowers Presented In Memory of Violet H.
By Her Family**

**Flowers and Bulletins Presented In Memory of
Richard N. By His Loving Family
And In Honor of
David and Alyssa K.'s Anniversary**

**Bulletins Also Presented In Memory of Dorothy &
Harvey H. by the Family**

Prelude:

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.

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**

The minister addresses the congregation.

*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:** Generous God,

***C:** **Your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.” ¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.” ¹⁶So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.” ²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and →

placed them all around the tent. ²⁵ Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. ²⁶ Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸ And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹ But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

Second Reading: James 5:13-20

¹³ Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.

¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷ Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. ¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰ you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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 ninth chapter.

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

***Gospel: Mark 9:38-50**

³⁸ John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹ But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. ⁴² “If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. ⁴⁹ “For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

*P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children’s Sermon/Sermon

*Hymn **ELW #719** “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” vs. 1-2

***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**

***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.

Music at the Offering:

***Offertory Prayer**

***P:** Risen One,

***C:** you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen

***Prayers of Intercession**

***P:** Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

***V:** We pray for the people of God in all places. Shape our witness to the good news of Jesus that we joyfully share your transforming love with all whom we encounter. Lord, in your mercy,

***C:** Hear our prayer. (5)

*V: We pray for the healing of the earth. Renew oceans and seas, marshes and estuaries. Uphold the work of conservationists, oceanographers, and all who care for fragile ecosystems and habitats. Lord, in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

*V: We pray for peace and cooperation among local and global communities. Bless the efforts of community organizers, international aid workers, and all those who work for justice and peace around the world. Lord, in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

*V: We pray for all who are in any need. To all who grieve, bring consolation; to all who are weary or lonely, bring solace. By your grace, make your presence known among all who call to you for healing (*pause*). Lord, in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

*V: We pray for caregivers: doctors and nurses, home health aides and counselors, and those who care for loved ones. Sustain them in their work and help us to build a health care system that supports all. Lord, in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

*V: We give thanks for the saints who now rest in your eternal presence. In thanksgiving for their lives of faithful service and witness, we commend them to your loving care. 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.**

***Lord's Prayer**

*P: Lord, teach us to pray.

***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.**

***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 #675 “O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True” vs. 1-2

*P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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

Postlude:

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Assisting in Worship Today

Altar Guild - June K., Bonnie V.

8:00 AM - Ushers - John & Donna F.

Lector: John F. - **Acolyte:** Volunteer

10:15 AM - Ushers - Paul C., Donna C.

Lector: Dawn M. - **Acolyte:** Volunteer

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<https://www.facebook.com/terrence.walsh.96>

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Upcoming Commemorations

Michael and All Angels, Sunday, September 29, 2024, Michael the archangel, captain of the heavenly hosts, is remembered on this day along with the other angels and archangels. **Jerome, translator, teacher, died 420, Monday, September 30, 2024**-Jerome was a biblical scholar and translator, but rather than translating the original Hebrew and Greek scriptures into classical Latin, he worked in the commonly-spoken Latin of the day, creating a version called the Vulgate. **Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, died 1226, Friday, October 4, 2024**, Born into the family of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up his inheritance to serve poor people. He formed the Order of Friars Minor (called Franciscans), who took on poverty and the task of preaching "using words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation. **Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society, died 1864, Friday, October 4, 2024** - Fliedner helped to bring about a revival of the ministry of deaconesses among Lutherans. He was influenced in this by Moravian deaconesses he had met. The motherhouse he founded in Kaiserswerth, Germany, inspired many around the world to take up this ministry.

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 summer we will read large portions of St. Mark's Gospel, working our way from chapter. 2 to 10, and St. John's Gospel chapter 6.

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.

WELCA: To all women of St. John's and beyond. You are welcome to join the Women's group of St. John's Lutheran Church of Nazareth for their fall luncheon for all women. Stay tuned for more info, if anyone is interested please contact Jeannine Werner at 610-417-3316 and please leave a message.

Today's Announcements - Sunday, September 29, 2024

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

9/29/24 - 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
	Red Beet Cleaning	5:00 PM
9/30/24 - Mon.	Quilters	9:00 AM-Noon
	Red Beet Dicing	8:00 AM
10/1/24	Red Beet Canning	9:00 AM
10/6/24 - 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/Comm. (Library)	11:30 AM

Welcome: Welcome back Beth McElroy who is our organist for the 8:00 am service and Linda Hower will play the piano for us at 10:15am.

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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Red Beets: We scrub the second batch this Sunday 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.

Basket Raffle: Thank you to everyone who donated an item or items for the basket raffle and to those who helped run the event. We ended with 228 prizes! It was a great day!



Prayers Requested For: Jim A., Eileen A., Phyllis & Joe A., Amy B., Allen B., Marsha B., Josie B., Jan B., the B. Family, Barb B., Brother Bill, Cory B., Leslie D., Bev F., Barry F., Melissa F., Laverne F., Kathy F., Lilly F., Arya G., Shawn H., Erin H., Troy H., Ned H., Robert H., Chuck H., Scott & Heather H., Seana I., Dennis K., Gerry K., the family of Linda K., Danny K., Lee L., Shirley L., Gwyn L., Ruth M., The M. Family, Sue N., Danielle N., Arlene O., Cindy R., Brent R., Earl & Steve S., Ethel S., Louise S., Barb S., Beth S., Rosalia S., Gloria S., Dolly T., James T., Stacey T., Ann U., Viola W., Lisa W., Brenda W., LaNor W., Sandy W., Linda & Galen W., Susan W., Louise Y., Richard Y., Yvonne Y., Pauline Y., The Z. Family, Helen Z., Robert Z., Francis Z.

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

Welcome: to our new organist, Jane Ellen Knotek. Jane will officially start on Sunday October 6, 2024. Jane is a 62-year church music professional. She is an organist, pianist, hand bells, instrumental and vocal choir's director and accompanist for several denominations, groups and individuals. She plays and conducts simultaneously. She can take and lead singing.

She studied organ, piano, organ choral arts, voice theology, hymnology, service playing, church music administration, music and worship and choral music education since 1964 at Muhlenberg, Gettysburg and Westminster Choir College and privately since 1952.

In late spring 2019, Jane was enrolled in the Crossroads Lay Leadership Certification program of Moravian Seminary, Bethlehem, of which she is a class of 2023 graduate. She is enrolled in the Lay Leadership Ministry program with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Northeast PA Synod.

She taught and performed (concert accompanist, producer, director, artist, choir, and a publicity manager in church and secular music for 60 years.

"I believe that St. John's Lutheran congregants and pastor (Terry Walsh) and I would be a good fit for the future of the church and all involved, and that together we would continue to make the church Triumphant forward! Glory, Glory!" *Jane Ellen Knotek*



**All of them were
filled with
the Holy Spirit!
Acts 2.4**