

Holy Communion



**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 6, 2024**

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

**Flowers Presented In Memory of Mae M.
By the Robert M. 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.

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.**

***Hymn ELW #733 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”** vs. 1 & 3 (both services)

***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: Almighty and ever-living God,

***C: 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.**

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.

²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

²³Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to →

angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.
^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, “What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? ⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸subjecting all things under their feet.” Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

***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 Tenth chapter.

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

***Gospel: Mark 10:2-16**

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” ⁵But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” ¹⁰Then in the house the →

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disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” ¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

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

Children’s Sermon/Sermon

***Hymn ELW #759** *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*

***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:** Challenged by God’s Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

- *V: God of our ancestors, we give thanks for the church in all times. May we listen for the prophets of this age who bear messages that stir the church toward renewal and justice. Lord in your mercy,
- *C: Hear our prayer.**
- *V: Creator of every creature on earth, direct our lives toward the renewal and sustaining of cattle, birds of the air, animals of the field, and those who share our homes. Reveal the ways we can work alongside creation for the health and well-being of all. Lord in your mercy,
- *C: Hear our prayer.**
- *V: Sovereign God, we give thanks that you are mindful and benevolent to even us, mere mortals. Accompany us when hardness of heart gets in the way of justice between people and nations. Endow leaders with minds for justice and hearts for compassion. Lord in your mercy,
- *C: hear our prayer.**
- *V: Restoring Lord, grant healing and wholeness to those who are sick and suffering (*especially*). Work through medical professionals to diagnose, ease pain, and give life to all who seek their wisdom and experience. Lord in your mercy,
- *C: hear our prayer.**
- *V: Unifying God, humans were created for relationship with the earth, its creatures, and one another. Forgive us when division threatens companionship, mutual support, and unity among us. May your love inspire us to build supportive communities of faith where all are cherished. Lord in your mercy,
- *C: hear our prayer.**
- Here other intercessions may be offered.*
- *V: God of resurrection, you prepare a place in the kingdom through Christ's death and resurrection. We give thanks for the saints who have taken their place at your heavenly banquet especially William Tyndale, translator and martyr, whom we commemorate today. Lord in your mercy,
- *C: hear our prayer.**
- *V: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.
- *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.

Music at the Offering ELW #496 "One Bread, One Body"

vs. 1, 2 - Choir and vs. 3 - Congregation joins in

***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.

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 #812 "Faith of Our Fathers" vs. 1 & 3 (at both services)**

***Dismissal**

***P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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

Postlude

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Assisting in Worship Today

Altar Guild - Jeannine Werner, Kim Manning

8:00 AM - Ushers - Joe & Stephanie R.

Lector: Kathy W. - Acolyte: Sarah H.

Communion Assistant: Kathy W. & Rich S.

10:15 AM - Ushers - Kim M., Judy F.

Lector: Jason H. - Acolyte: Josh S.

Communion Assistant: Bill H., Kim M.

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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 chapter 9.

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.

Upcoming Commemorations

Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582, Tuesday, October 15, 2024 - A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date. **Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, died around 115, Thursday, October 17, 2024** - Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria, the city where the name "Christians" originated. Ignatius is known to us from his letters, which encouraged Christians to live in love, yet stand firm in true doctrine. **Luke, Evangelist, Friday, October 18, 2024** - Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.

Today's Announcements - Sunday, October 6, 2024

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

10/6/2024 - 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
10/7/2024 - Mon.	Quilters	9:00 AM-Noon
10/8/2024 - Tues.	Food Bank Distr.	9:30-11:00AM
	Food Bank Distr.	6:00-6:30 PM
10/13/2024-Sun.	Worship/Communion	8:00 AM
	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 Beets: Week of October 20 is the second to last time we will be making red beets this year. Order forms are located on the table inside the front doors. Get your orders in soon as they sell out quickly. If you are interested in helping please give Ned Hower a call 484-221-3946

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/Choir Director, Jane Ellen Knotek. Jane officially starts on Sunday, October 6, 2024. Jane is a 62-year church music professional. She is an organist, pianist, handbell, instrumental and vocal choir director and accompanist for several denominations, groups and individuals. She plays and conducts simultaneously.

She studied organ, piano, 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 Colleges and since 1952, had private instruction.

In late spring 2019, Jane 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 Northeast PA Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

She taught and performed (concert accompanist, producer, director, performing artist, choral director and 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 move the church forward. Glory, Glory!” ***Jane Ellen Knotek***