

Holy Communion



**The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 18, 2022**

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

**Flowers presented In Memory of Russell S.
by Wife, Irene**

**Bulletins presented In Honor of our 20th Wedding
Anniversary by Laura T.**

Prelude: "Etude"

arr. A. Banchieri

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: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

*C: **Amen.**

*P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

*P: God of mercy and forgiveness,

*C: **we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

*P: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

*C: **Amen.**

*Hymn LBW #406 "Take My Life, That I May Be"

8 am vs 1-2

*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:** God among us,

***C:** **We gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation. ⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” ⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

***Gospel Verse**

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

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Sixteenth Chapter.

*C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

***Gospel: Luke 16:1-13**

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.'
³Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.'
⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.'
⁷Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.'
⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ¹⁰"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

*P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon/Sermon

*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.

The Peace will be shared between the Pastor and Congregation (only).

*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 (8am) "O God, You Search Me" arr. Janet Vogt

*Offertory Prayer

*P: Living God,

*C: You gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your heavenly banquet. Reach out to us through your word, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***Prayers of Intercession**

*P: As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

*V: God our Savior, you ever seek to keep your church full of faith and truth. Accompany all who are preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Enlighten preachers, teachers, seminarians, and all those who share your good news with the world. Lord, in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

*V: Divine teacher, you instruct your children to be responsible stewards of your creation. Show us how best to care for the earth and its resources, and guide those who work to develop sustainable practices. Lord, in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

*V: Ruler of the nations, you seek well-being for all your children. Give world and local leaders wisdom and compassion so that all may live in peace. Inspire public servants to follow the example of courageous leaders such as Dag Hammarskjöld, renewer of society, and safeguard the dignity of each person. Lord, in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

*V: Helper of the needy, you lift up those who are oppressed. Breathe justice into economic and social systems which currently perpetuate poverty and hunger. Sustain food ministries, clothing banks, and emergency shelters and all who work for these agencies. Lord, in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

*V: Sustainer and giver of life, you have richly blessed this congregation. Instruct us in the proper and faithful use of our blessings of time, talent and treasure, that we share generously with our community. Lord, in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

*V: God of glory, you gather your saints around your throne. Keep us thankful for the witness of those who have gone before us, and bring us with them to the heavenly feast that has no end.
Lord, in your mercy,

*C: **Hear our prayer.**

*P: Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through 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.**

*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:

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Words of Institution

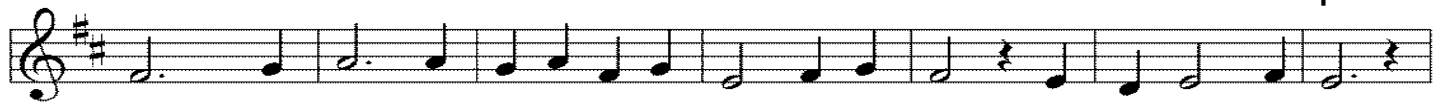
*P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

*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.

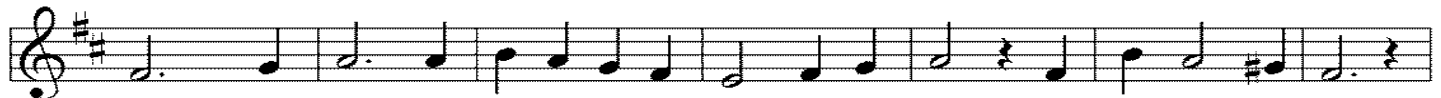
*Invitation to Communion

*"Lamb of God"

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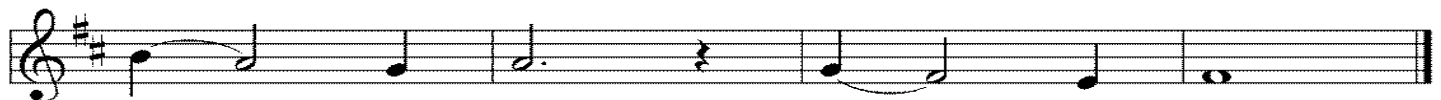
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

*P: Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

*We Receive Our Lord in His Holy Supper

The bread and wine/grape juice will be distributed in the front of the church. If you would like to partake in your pew there are prepackaged sets in the back. If you need a communion set please see an usher.

*Post-Communion Blessing

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

***Prayer after Communion**

*P: Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

*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 WOV #776 - "Be Thou My Vision"**

8 am vs 1-2

***Dismissal**

*P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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

Postlude: "*Fugue*"

arr. W. Selby

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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. Luke's Gospel, working our way from chapter 8 to chapter 18.

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

Dag Hammarskjöld, renewer of society, died 1961, Sunday, September 18, 2022 - 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. Tuesday, September 20, 2022** - 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, Wednesday, September 21, 2022** - 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 18, 2022

This Week at St. John's

9/18/2022 - Sunday	Worship/Communion	8:00 AM
	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	9:00 AM
	Worship/Communion	10:15 AM
	Mask/Vac. Worship/Comm. (Library)	11:45 AM
	Red Beets Cleaning	6:00 PM
9/19/2022 - Monday	Red Beet Cooking	8:00 AM
	Quilters	9:00 AM - Noon
9/20/2022 - Tuesday	Red Beet Canning	8:00 AM
	Council Meeting	7:00 PM
9/22/2022 - Thurs.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
9/25/22 - Sunday	Worship	8:00 AM
	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
	Vaccinated Worship (Library)	11:45 AM

Red Beet Juice: extra red beet juice for sale. Pints \$1.5; quarts \$3. Please call office (610-837-1061) to reserve some juice.

Red Beets: Cleaning of the red beets for batch three will take place **today, Sunday, September 18, at 6 pm. Monday, September 19, starting at 8 am**, is cooking and cutting day, and **Tuesday, September 20, starting at 8 am** is canning day. If you can help just come to the kitchen doors during the work times to join in on the fun.

Basket Raffle, Sunday, October 1, 2022: If you would like a donation request form please contact the office at 610-837-1061. We are looking for donations of gift cards and baskets. All donations are due by **Sunday, September 25th. One week and counting!** Tickets will be sold Thursday, **September 29**, from 4:00-8:00 PM; Friday, **September 30**, from 4:00-8:00 PM; and Saturday **October 1**, from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM. Raffle at 4:30 PM. All prizes can be picked up Sunday morning or other arrangements can be made. **One week and counting!**



Harvest Home Sunday: Harvest Home is a traditional celebration of God's good provision; this year it will be celebrated on **Sunday, October 16, 2022**. Donations of non-perishable items are

needed to adorn the sanctuary for Harvest Home Sunday. A collection box is in the entry to the education wing, all donations will go to the Food Bank after the worship service on the 16th.

Prayers Requested For: Matthew A., Shane B., Madison B., Jason C., The Family of Elyn D., Esther F., Laverne F., Carole F., Shelba F., Arya G., Nancy G., The Michael H. Family, Harold H., Chuck H., Scott & Heather H., Claire & Dennis K., Gerry K., Lee L., The M. Family, Arlene O., Kathleen S., Ethel S., Louise S., Barb S., Mary T., "Woody" W., Viola W., Cecile W., Yvonne Y., Dolores & Richard Y., Francis Z.

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

Names will be put on for one month. Please let us know if you want to extend.