

# Holy Communion



**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
August 4, 2024**

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

**Flowers Presented In Memory of Nettie B. L.  
Per the A. S. L. Bequest**

**Flowers Presented In Memory of Departed Loved Ones  
by Karen C. and Family**

**Flowers and Bulletins Presented In Memory of  
Melvin J. Fisher By Wife, Laverne F.**

## 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 #515 “Break Now The Bread of Life”

## **\*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:** **Eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15**

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not." <sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The Lord spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" <sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

## Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." <sup>9</sup>(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

\***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. John, the sixth chapter.

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

\* **Gospel: John 6:24-35**

<sup>24</sup>When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. <sup>25</sup>When they found him on the →

other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup>They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” <sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

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

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

## **Children’s Sermon/Sermon**

**\*Hymn ELW #484** “You Satisfy The Hungry Heart”

**\*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: O Wise One, your wisdom has been present in this world since its beginning. Pour out your wisdom into the hearts of the whole church, especially the newly baptized, lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: hear our prayer.**

\*P: Holy God of all creation, you are the source of all life. Where the sun blazes hard and strong, bring a gentle breeze. In the places experiencing the cold of winter, bring your warmth. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: hear our prayer.**

\*P: Compassionate God, help government leaders of this world unite for peace and justice. Humble all who hold authority, that power is directed toward a more just society. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: hear our prayer.**

\*P: Bread of life from heaven, you feed us. Fill all who hunger with needed nutrition and open our hearts to eliminate hunger in this world. May we see a day when all are fed. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: hear our prayer.**

\*P: O Wisdom of truth, help us to understand your will for the church. Be with congregations experiencing transition, redevelopment, and the exciting yet frightening path of newness. May your wisdom be found at every step. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: hear our prayer.**

**Here other intercessions may be offered.**

\*P: Redeeming God, we give you thanks for the lives and witness of your saints now departed (*pause*). Bring your beloved into eternal glory, opening wide the gates to the heavenly banquet. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: hear our prayer.**

\*P: We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

**\*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.**

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## **\*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 #618 "Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer"**

## **\*Dismissal**

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

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

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## **Assisting in Worship Today**

**Altar Guild - Donna F. and Jeannine W.**

**9:00 AM - Ushers: Robert & Robin M.**

**Lector: Bonnie V. - Acolyte: Volunteer**

**Communion Assistant: John F., Bonnie V.**

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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 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.

### **Upcoming Commemorations**

**Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), died 1221**

**Thursday, August 8, 2024** - Dominic was a Spanish priest who saw the wealth of the clergy as a stumbling block for the church, so he formed a movement, the Order of Preachers (commonly called Dominicans) devoted to itinerant preaching and living in poverty. **Lawrence, deacon, martyr, died**

**258, Saturday, August 10, 2024** - As one of the seven deacons of the church at Rome, Lawrence was responsible for the church's financial matters and for the care of the poor. Asked by the emperor to gather the church's treasure, he presented a collection of orphans, lepers, and the like. The enraged emperor had him put to death.

## Today's Announcements - Sunday, August 4, 2024

### This Week at St. John's

### Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

8/4/2024 - Sun	Adult Bible Study	8:00 AM
	Worship/Communion	9:00 AM
	Adult Book Study-"What Is A Lutheran?"	10:00 AM
	Masked Worship/Comm. (Library)	11:30 AM
8/5/2024 - Mon	Quilters	9:00 AM-Noon
8/9/2024 - Fri	Food Bank Prep	9:00-11:00 AM
8/10/2024 - Sat	Old Home Week Baseball Game	11:00-5:00 PM
8/11/2024-Sun	Adult Bible Study	8:00 AM
	Worship	9:00 AM

**Help needed:** St. John's is selling food during Bath Old Home week on Saturday, August 10 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Help is needed to prep the food on Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> in the mid-morning hours. If you are available and willing to help please give Jamie Brozman a call at 484-221-3455.

### **Nursery School Enrollment 2024-2025:** Do you know someone



looking for a great place to enroll their child in nursery school?

Look no further and share the word, we have an amazing program and teachers here at St. John's Bath. Enrollment forms are available through Dawn Mayer at 610-837-9868 or by e-mailing [stjohnbath@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnbath@gmail.com). Classes for 2, 3, and 4-year old's.

**Red Beets:** We are again planning to can and sell red beets. Order forms are now 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.

**Do you know:** Do you know anyone who plays the organ or piano who would be willing to share their musical talents with our congregation, possibly someone looking for a job? If you do would you provide information to the church office by calling 610-837-1061, please leave a message.

**Coming in August:** Who are the Lutherans? What is the history of St. John's Lutheran Church in Bath, Pennsylvania? How can I join St. John's? Do I have to join in order to worship here? (No, you do not have to join.) How are Lutherans like other Christians and how are we unique? 10:00 AM, right after church, in the Nave (where you are sitting). This is a two week class. Sunday August 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup> both at 10:00 AM.

**Prayers Requested For:** Jim A., Eileen A., Phyllis & Joe A., Amy B., Allen B., Marsha B., Josie B., the B. Family, Barb B., Cory B., Jason C., Bev F., Barry F., Laverne F., Kathy F., Lilly F., Arya G., Shawn H., Erin H., Troy H., Ned H., the family of Robert H., Chuck H., Scott & Heather H., Seana I., Dennis K., Gerry K., Stanley K., Danny K., Lee L., Shirley L., Gwyn L., Jorge L., Geary M., Keith M., Ruth M., The M. Family, Danielle N., Fran N. and Family, Samantha O., Arlene O., 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., the family of Tucker W., Viola W., Rev. Jay W., Lisa W., Brenda W., LaNor W., Galen W., Susan W., 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).***