

# Holy Communion



**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
June 16, 2024**

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

**Flowers Presented In Memory of Charles K. and  
Richard D. by Maryann D.**

**Color Bulletins Presented In Memory of our Fathers  
by Cindy F.**

Prelude: "Prelude in G"

arr. J. S. Bach

## 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 #551** *“The Spirit Sends us Forth to Serve”*

**\*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: You are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24**

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. <sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17**

<sup>6</sup>So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—<sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. <sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you →

an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. <sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

**\*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 fourth chapter.

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

**\*Gospel: Mark 4:26-34**

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,<sup>27</sup> and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.” <sup>30</sup>He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” <sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

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

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## Children's Sermon/Sermon

**\*Hymn ELW #679 "For the Fruit of All Creation"**

### **\*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:** Nourish your faithful people through gifts of word and worship.  
Guide the church in listening to and interpreting your message of  
grace for this time and place in history. In your wisdom, lead us in  
expanding the reach of your love. Lord, in your mercy,

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

**\*V:** Nature sings your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.  
Sustain the holy rhythms of creation: days and seasons, hibernation  
and activity, phases of the moon and tides of the sea. Let these  
patterns assure us of your constancy. Lord, in your mercy,

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

**\*V:** You call your people to make disciples of all nations. Send to us  
visitors who do not know Jesus. Make us wise in reaching out to the  
lost. Give us love to share with our community. Lead us to make  
disciples of all kinds of people: young and old, of every color and  
group, and of any background. Lord, in your mercy,

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

**\*V:** Tend to all who journey by faith and who wait with patience for the  
fulfillment of your healing promises. Grant perseverance to people  
doing physical and occupational therapy, people living with mobility  
concerns, and people facing chronic pain. Lord, in your mercy,

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

\*V: As you have loved us, so let us love one another. Empower fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, adoptive fathers, and chosen fathers to embody this gift of love for their children. Where these relationships are strained or broken, bring your comfort and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

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

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

\*V: With gratitude, we remember the Emanuel Nine martyrs and all the saints who are now at home with you. Plant seeds of their wisdom and witness in our hearts, that we grow in faith until we join them in your heavenly dwelling. Lord, in your mercy,

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

\*P: Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

**\*C: 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 "The Water is Wide"**

arr. David Nevue

**\*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 #547 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”**

**\*Dismissal**

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

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

Postlude: “Psalm XIX”

arr. Marcello/Agay

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## **Assisting in Worship Today**

**Altar Guild - Phyllis A., Carol H.**

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

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

**Communion Assistant: Samantha A., 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 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**

**Emanuel Nine, martyrs, died 2015, Monday, June 17, 2024 - On June 17, 2015, Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson** were murdered by a self-professed white supremacist while they were gathered for Bible study and prayer at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church (often referred to as Mother Emanuel) in Charleston, South Carolina. Pastors Pinckney and Simmons were both graduates of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. **Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist, died 1931, Friday, June 21, 2024 -** Onesimos was born in Ethiopia. Captured, enslaved, and taken to Eritrea, he was there freed by Swedish missionaries. He translated the Bible into his native Oromo and returned to preach there.

## Today's Announcements - Sunday, June 16, 2024

### This Week at St. John's

### Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

6/16/2024 - Sun.	Adult Bible Study	8:00 AM
	Worship/Communion	9:00 AM
	Masked Worship/Comm. (Library)	10:30 AM
6/17/2024 - Mon.	Quilters	9:00 AM-Noon
6/23/2024 - Sun.	Adult Bible Study	8:00 AM
	Worship	9:00 AM
	Masked Worship (Library)	10:30 AM

**Volunteers Needed:** We are in need of volunteers both youth and adult for this year's Vacation Bible School. We have theme ideas and some volunteers but to make this yearly event happen we need many more. St. John's typically sees around 80-100 children for Vacation Bible School. It is a wonderful week to meet new friends, re-kindle past friendships or even better open your heart by witnessing the love God gives us. If you would be interested in helping please e-mail the office at [stjohnbath@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnbath@gmail.com). The dates for VBS this year are July 15-19, 2024, from 9:00-11:30 am.

### **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.

**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., the family of Bill F., Bev F., Barry F., Laverne F., Kathy F., Lilly F., Arya G., Eileen & Frank H., Shawn H., Erin H., Troy H., Ned H., Robert H., Chuck H., Scott & Heather H., Seana I., Dennis K., Gerry K., Danny K., Lee L., Shirley L., Gwyn L., Jorge L., Ruth M., The M. Family, Joe N., Danielle N., Samantha O., Arlene O., Brent R., Earl & Steve S., Ethel S., Louise S., Barb S., Beth S., Rosalia S., Gloria S., Michelle S., Dolly T., James T., Stacey T., Ann U., Viola W., Rev. Jay W., Lisa W., Brenda W., LaNor W., Cecile 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).***