



**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 25, 2024**

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

**Flowers Presented In Memory of Alex K.
by the P. Family**

**Bulletins Presented In Memory of My Dearly Beloved
and Departed Mother Rochelle P. S. by Michelle S.**

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**

*Hymn ELW #853 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

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***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: Holy God,

*C: **Your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

¹ Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a} And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴ “Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” ¹⁶ Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷ for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸ and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

Second Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰ Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the →

spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵ As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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 6:56-69**

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶ “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹ He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. ⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹ But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³ It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ But →

among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵ And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” ⁶⁶ Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

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

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

Children’s Sermon/Sermon

***Hymn ELW #514 “O Word of God Incarnate”**

***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: "Take my Life, That I May Be"

*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: Holy God, you have the words of eternal life. Lead the church to put its trust in Jesus, the living Word. Direct preachers, teachers, writers, and all the baptized in faithful speech and bold witness. Lord in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

*V: Loving God, you call all people to become followers of Jesus Christ. Bring to us new friends, with whom we can share the love of Jesus Christ. Make us a shining example of love to all our neighbors. Lord in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

*V: God of wisdom, as our nation navigates another election cycle, guide our leaders to act justly for the sake of the world. Bring about fruitful conversation among your people and bring about change where you see fit. Sustain all who serve on juries in their deliberations. Lord in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

*V: God of restoration, bring healing and wholeness to all who cry to you. Where pain is sharp, bring a sense of comfort and relief. Where grief runs deep, bring your tender mercy. Care for those on our hearts and on our prayer list. Heal the sick. Lord in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

*V: God of new life, protect students and teachers in the new school year. Bring an end to school shootings and cycles of violence. Move us to do all that is necessary to ensure a safe future for our children. Lord in your mercy,

*C: **Hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of every generation, we remember with thanksgiving all who have completed their baptismal journeys. Strengthen us in our baptismal callings to serve you faithfully until our journey's end.

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.**

*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 #810 *"O Jesus, I Have Promised"*

*Dismissal

*P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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

Assisting in Worship Today

Altar Guild - Kim M., Stephanie R.

9:00 AM - Ushers -Jan B., Judy F.

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

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Upcoming Commemorations

Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, died 430, Wednesday, August 28, 2024 -

Augustine was one of the greatest theologians of the Western church. A native of North Africa, he recovered from a debauched young adulthood through the influence of his mother, Monica, and Bishop Ambrose of Milan. Besides writing influential theological books, he served as bishop of Hippo, in present-day Algeria. **Moses the Black, monk, martyr, died around**

400, Wednesday, August 28, 2024 - Converted from life as a thief and a robber to Christianity, Moses was an Ethiopian who became a desert monk at Skete. The change in his heart and life had a profound impact on his native country. He was murdered when Berber bandits attacked his monastery.

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.

Today's Announcements - Sunday, August 25, 2024

<u>This Week at St. John's</u>	<u>Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost</u>	
8/25/24 - Sun.	45 Min Bible Study	8:00 AM
	Worship	9:00 AM
8/26/24 - Mon.	Quilters	9:00 AM - Noon
9/1/24 - Sun.	45 Min Bible Study	8:00 AM
	Worship	9:00 AM

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.

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. They are planning a fall luncheon for all women. Stay tuned for more info, if anyone is interested please contact the church office at 610-837-1061 and please leave a message.

Basket Raffle: We are now collecting gift cards, and basket donations for the fall basket raffle. Any and all extra help for this event would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested and willing to help please give Jamie a call at 484-221-3455 or send an e-mail to: stjohnbath@gmail.com. The basket raffle is set for September 26-28th.



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>.

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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., Jason C., Bev F., Barry 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., Danny K., Lee L., Shirley L., Gwyn L., Jorge L., Ruth M., The M. Family, Danielle N., the family of Fran N., Samantha O., Arlene O., Brent R., The family of Ralph 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., 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).



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