



**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 11, 2024**

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

**Bulletins Presented In Honor of the 56th Wedding
Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Wally D.
by Michelle S.**

Preludes: "Brother James Air"
"In Christ Alone"

arr. D. Wood
arr. Townsend and K. Getty

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 #485** *"I Am 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: Gracious God,

***C: Your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

⁴[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:25—5:2

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.

³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were →

marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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 6:35, 41-51**

³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” ⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴²They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” ⁴³Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

*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 #522 "As We Gather at Your Table"

*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.

*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: Hymn Tune "Boylston" Young; arr. Knotek

*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: Reignite the prayer of the church. By your Spirit, and remembering Clare of San Damiano, who was known for her powerful prayer, root your church around the globe in prayer and spiritual practices. Lord in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

*V: We rely on the goodness of your creation in everything we do. We pray for trees that offer shade and for our fellow creatures that depend on the trees for shelter and food. Sustain the work of all who advocate for forests and wilderness areas. Lord in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

*V: Guide our leaders and nations with a spirit of justice and mercy. Let no evil come out of our mouths, but rather let us extend grace. We pray for our enemies. Lord in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

*V: Sustain feeding ministries and organizations such as ELCA World Hunger and our local food pantries. We work and pray for a day when hunger is no more. Lord in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

*V: We pray for this congregation and for all who are gathered. Be present among anyone who cannot be with us today. Be with all who are hurting, grieving, or ill. Lord in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

*V: We remember the saints who have gone before us in faith. Trusting in the promise of the resurrection, we find hope in your communion of saints of all times and all places. 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 #536** *"God Be With You Until We Meet Again"*

***Dismissal**

*P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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

Postlude: *"A Trumpet Call"*

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

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Assisting in Worship Today

Altar Guild - Kim M., Stephanie R.

9:00 AM - Ushers - Joyce G., June K.

Lector: Samantha A. - **Acolyte:** Volunteer

Welcome and thank you to our Pastor Emeritus Rev. Jay Wetzel for conducting our services today in Pastor Walsh's absence. I'm sure we all enjoyed seeing and hearing our old friend Pastor Jay! Also welcome back to Jane Ellen K. as our supply organist for this week.

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Pastor Walsh's page, for information on faith in the wider world:

<https://www.facebook.com/terrence.walsh.96>

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Upcoming Commemorations

Clare, Abbess of San Damiano, died 1253, Sunday, August 11, 2024 -

A contemporary of Francis of Assisi, Clare and a growing number of companions established a women's Franciscan community, called the Order of Poor Ladies, or Poor Clares. She inspired other women to pursue spiritual goals. **Florence Nightingale, died 1910; Clara Maass, died 1901; renewers of society, Tuesday, August 13, 2024 -** Nightingale was born in England, and horrified her wealthy family by deciding to become a nurse. She led a group of nurses in ministering in the midst of the Crimean War, and worked for hospital reform. Maass, a native of New Jersey, was also a war nurse, and volunteered as a subject for research on yellow fever. She died of the disease. **Maximilian Kolbe, died 1941; Kaj Munk, died 1944; martyrs, Wednesday, August 14, 2024 -** Father Kolbe was a Franciscan priest arrested by the Nazis and confined in Auschwitz. Kolbe gave generously of his meager resources, and finally volunteered to be starved to death in place of another man. A Danish Lutheran pastor and playwright, Munk strongly denounced the Nazis who occupied Denmark in the Second World War. His sermons and articles helped to show the anti-Christian nature of the movement. **Mary, Mother of Our Lord, Thursday, August 15, 2024 -** The church (including Martin Luther) honored Mary with the title theotokos, meaning "God-bearer," for her role in giving birth to the Son of God. Her song, the Magnificat, speaks eloquently of God's lifting the lowly and feeding the hungry.

Stay up to date with worship schedule changes, meeting notices, and weather cancellations by
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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 chap. 2 to 10, and John 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 11, 2024

<u>This Week at St. John's</u>	<u>Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost</u>	
8/11/24 - Sun.	Adult Bible Study	8:15 AM
	Worship	9:00 AM
8/12/24 - Mon.	Quilters	9:00 - Noon
8/13/24 - Tues.	Food Bank Distr.	9:30-11 AM
	Food Bank Distr.	6-6:30 PM
8/15/24 - Thus.	Quiet Communion Fellowship Hall	1:00 PM
8/18/24 - Sun.	Adult Bible Study	8:15 AM
	Worship/Communion	9:00 AM
	Adult Book Study-"History of St. John's"	10:00 AM
	Masked Worship/Comm. (Library)	11:30 AM

Organist Update: We will not be receiving applications after August 18, 2024. If you know someone please encourage them to apply before the deadline by providing information to the church office at 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 18th both at 10:00 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.



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. Classes for 2, 3, and 4-year old's.

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>. Whether you choose to give online or in person, your support is vital to the continued success of our church community. We are so grateful for your generosity and commitment to our shared mission. Thank you again for all that you do.



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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., 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., Fran N. and Family, 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**