

St. John Lutheran Church and Preschool

Twenty-First Sunday After Trinity

Divine Service Setting Three

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Holy Communion *The Lord welcomes to his table all who repent of sin and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior. In this meal the Lord is present by a mystery in his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. As the Lord's Supper is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar and lest any eat and drink unworthily, those who are not yet instructed as members or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Lord's Supper, are asked to first speak to the pastor. Those who are not communing but wishing to receive a blessing are also invited to come forward. Simply bow your head to indicate that a blessing is desired.*

As we prepare for worship together please remember to set your phone to silent mode. Thank You!

Mission Statement: Growing a Christian Community rooted in Faith, Fellowship, and Service

Cover: Vien, Joseph-Marie, *Jesus Healing the Son of an Officer*, Musee des Beaux-Arts, Marseille, Provence, France, 1752.

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As we gather for this service let us take time to lay aside our thoughts of other things as we prayerfully prepare for the worship of our Lord. Inside the front covers of your hymnal are Prayers For Worship. Additionally inside the back covers of your hymnal are the Nicene and Apostles' Creeds as well as the Lord's Prayer.

Bell tones and Prelude *Gott Sei Gelobet – K. Hildebrand*
(we prepare in silent prayer during the time of the prelude)

Hymn: *O Lord, We Praise Thee* 617
(As the music begins, please rise to sing)

Confession And Absolution p. 184

Introit: *Psalm 119: 1, 38-40; antiphon: Liturgical Text*



Antiphon: The whole world is | in your power;*
O Lord, King Almighty, no one can | gainsay you.
For you have made | heaven and earth;*
you are | Lord of all!

C: Blessed are those whose way is | blameless,*
who walk in the law | of the LORD!

Confirm to your servant your | promise,*
that you | may be feared.

Turn away the reproach | that I dread,*
for your just de-|crees are good.

Behold, I long for your | precepts;*
in your righteousness | give me life!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Antiphon

Kyrie - *Lord Have Mercy* p. 186

Hymn Of Praise: *Gloria in Excelsis* p. 187

Salutation and Collect of the Day (Sung)

First Reading: *Isaiah 25: 6-9*

Thus says the Lord God: In this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all people a feast of choice pieces, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of well-refined wines on the lees. And He will destroy on this mountain the surface of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces; the rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; for the Lord has spoken. And it will be said in that day: "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for Him; we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: *Ephesians 6: 10-17*

Brethren: Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual: *Psalm 90: 1-2*

A: Lord, you have been our | dwelling place*
in all gener-|ations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had
formed the earth | and the world,*

from everlasting to everlasting | you are God.

Alleluia

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Holy Gospel: *John 4: 46b-53*

P: The Lord be with You.

C: And with your Spirit.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 4th chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

At that time: There was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe." The nobleman said to Him, "Sir, come down before my child dies!" Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your son lives." So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told him, saying, "Your son lives!" Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." So the father knew that it was at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives." And he himself believed, and his whole household.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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Hymn of the Day *Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old* **846**

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Offertory: *Create in Me a Clean Heart* p. 192

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Communion Prayers *During the time before, during and after Communion you may wish to pray while kneeling or sitting in your pew. Prayers are provided for the time of Communion inside the front covers of the hymnals under "Prayers for Worship."*

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Closing Hymn <i>Eternal Father, Strong to Save</i> 717 (1-4) <i>(silent prayer)</i>	
Postlude <i>Melita</i>	

¹ *The Prayer of Thanksgiving III – adapted from Apostolic Tradition, Worship Supplement, CPH 1969*

Church Attendance

Wednesday.....	8
Saturday.....	27
Sunday.....	45

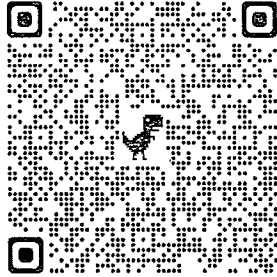
Offerings for God The offering box is available in the narthex for our giving.

Welcome Guests! Please take a moment to fill out the form in the red Record of Fellowship pads at the end of your pew. This will help us to get to know you as you share worship among us!

Assisting with our services:

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Support Our Preschool: The preschool has set up a wishlist for supplies and other teaching items on Amazon. Use your cell phone's app to scan this QR code to link directly to the wishlist. You can order and have items shipped directly to the preschool. Thank you for your support.



Joyful Response: Joyful Response is a program we offer here at Saint John Lutheran Church where you can make your contributions to the Lord through online banking if you wish. If you're interested, a form has been included on our website detailing all the information we need from you! When you've completed it, please leave it in the mailbox outside the office door.

The Passion at Saint John: Join the Choir, along with Matthew, as they present *The Passion at Saint John*, a collection of Lenten music from the season, including songs from Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The concert will be held on October 20th at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This is a free concert!

News at Saint John

Wednesday Worship: During this season we will explore mid-week Trinity themed readings. We will worship in the Saint John Chapel each Wednesday evening for the Divine Service at 7pm. Join us in God's presence!

Divine Service Setting 3: We celebrate the return to Divine Service Setting 3! With Divine Service Setting 3 St. John recovers its roots! This service is the old "Common Service" which was the prevailing English Liturgy in use since 1888 by Lutheran Congregations across America. It seems that St. John began to use this setting back in 1919 and continued its use with the Lutheran Hymnal (TLH) which was produced in 1941. St. John continued to worship with this setting for the majority of its history as did the majority of American Lutheran Churches over the years. May the Lord bless us as we regularly share the Divine Service among us!

We Welcome Our New Members: Chris Dougan, Carlene and Kyle Fox, *with Aidan and Olivia*, Crystal Walsh and Brennen Gurtowski, Ralph Mingoello, *with Madison*, Nathan and Kimberly Moran

Did you know? - Doxological verse: Δ

Did you know that when the sign Δ is used before a hymn stanza it indicates a doxological verse? This is a verse dedicated to God's glory and his holy Name. This verse is normally found at the end of the hymn. When the doxological verse begins, we rise to sing to God's honor!

*God Declares Us Righteous Unsheathing His Word
Against All Evil*

“Let there be light,’ and there was light” (Gen. 1:1—2:3). The Father speaks, and it is so. His Word accomplishes what it says. He created all things out of nothing through His Son by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Father’s creative Word became flesh in Jesus Christ, that He might restore fallen creation and save fallen man. To the nobleman whose son was deathly ill, Jesus says, “Go; your son will live” (John 4:46–54). And in the very hour Jesus spoke, the nobleman’s son was made well. The Word of Christ still accomplishes what it says. In baptism, absolution, and the Lord’s Supper, He declares His life-giving forgiveness to you, and it is so. This saving Word of God is the sword of the Spirit by which you are able to fight off all the onslaughts of the devil (Eph. 6:10–17). “Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.” Lcms.org/worship