

# St. John Lutheran Church and Preschool

*Twentieth 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. An etching by Jan Luyken illustrating Luke 14:16-24 in the Bowyer Bible, Bolton, England.

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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**

*(we prepare in silent prayer during the time of the prelude)*

***Today's service is spoken unless otherwise indicated***

**Hymn:**      *Nearer My God, to Thee*

**Insert**

*(As the music begins, please rise to sing)*

### **Confession And Absolution**

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Introit: *Psalm 48: 1, 9-11, antiphon: Liturgical Text*

**Antiphon:** The Lord is righteous in all he has | done to us,\*

For we have not obeyed his com-|mandments.

Glorify your name,| O Lord;\*

And deal with us according to your great| mercy.

**C: Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised\***

In the city of our God, his holy| mountain.

**We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,\***

In the midst of your | temple.

**As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends | of the earth.\***

Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.

**Let Mount Zion | be glad!\***

**Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your| judgments!**

**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

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### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 54: 17b – 55: 11*

“This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is from Me,” says the Lord. “Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and let your soul delight itself in abundance. Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you—the sure mercies of David. Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people, a leader and commander for the people. Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, and nations who do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and the Holy One of Israel; for He has glorified you.” Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My

ways,” says the Lord. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it,” says the Lord Almighty.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle:** *Ephesians 5: 15-21*

Brethren: See that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual:** *Psalm 145: 15-16 - Mode II*

P: The eyes of all | look to you,\*

And you give them their food in due | season.

You open | your hand;\*

You satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

**Alleluia (Sung)****p. 190****Holy Gospel:** *Matthew 22: 1-14*

P: The Lord be with You.

**C: And with your Spirit.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord. (Sung)**

At that time: Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees by parables and said: “The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. Again, he sent out other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.” ’ But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.’ So those servants went out into the highways and

gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ. (Sung)**

**Nicene Creed** p. 191

**Hymn of the Day** *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*  
633 (1-4, 8)

**Sermon**

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<b>Communion Prayers</b> <i>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."</i>	
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**Benediction**

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**Closing Hymn**     *Christ Is Our Cornerstone*

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*(silent prayer)***Postlude**

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**Church Attendance**

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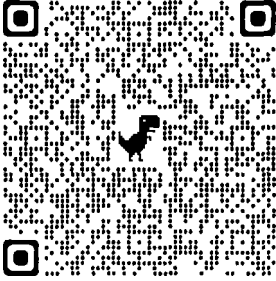
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**Thank You:** to Jeff Howey for being our organist for this weekend!**Offerings for God**     The offering box is available in the narthex for our giving.**Welcome Guests!** Please take a moment to fill out the form in the red Record of Fellowship 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:** Assistant: Bill Leon (Sat), Paul Patnoad (Sun); Lead Deacon: Diane Foell (Sat), Beth MacDonald (Sun); Readers: Joanne Outlaw (Sat), Lisa Barillaro (Sun); Altar Guild: Donna Dlugos (Sat), Kathryn Chester (Sun).

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

**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 20<sup>th</sup> 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

**Preschool Fundraiser!:** Our annual butter braid and cookie dough fundraiser runs through October 18. Delivery is on November 12th, in time for Thanksgiving. We hope to fund a special program for the children in the spring. Your participation is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support.

### **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!

## *Jesus Invites Us to His Wedding Feast to Receive Abundant Righteousness*

The Holy Spirit sounds forth the Gospel call: “See, I have prepared my dinner ... Come to the wedding feast” (Matt. 22:1–14). But many reject this invitation in favor of worldly pursuits. And so the call goes out to others, both the good and the bad. For the wedding invitation is not based on the qualifications of those invited but on the basis of the merits and work of Christ. The feast is free: “He who has no money, come, buy and eat ... delight yourselves in rich food.” (Is. 55:1–9). Those rejecting the Spirit’s work shall experience God’s wrath and judgment. Those who are not clothed in Christ’s righteousness shall be cast into outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Let us therefore seek the Lord while He may be found, for He will have mercy upon us. Let us redeem the time, being filled with the Spirit, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Eph 5:15–21). *Lcsm.org/worship*