

St. John Lutheran Church and Preschool

Seventeenth Sunday After the Trinity

Divine Service Setting Three

With alternate movements

October 11&12, 2025



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Full Divine Service is held:

Sundays at 10 a.m.

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the St. John Chapel

Saturdays at 5 p.m.

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**

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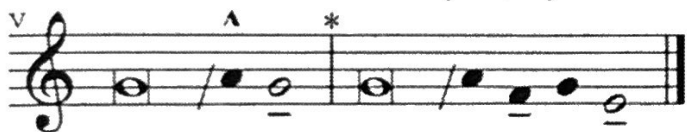
October 11&12, 2025 *As we gather for this service let us take time to lay aside our thoughts of other things as we prayerfully prepare for the worship of our Lord. Inside the front covers of your hymnal are Prayers For Worship. Additionally inside the back cover of your hymnal are the Nicene and Apostles' Creeds as well as the Lord's Prayer.*

Bell tones and Prelude - *Rondo – S. Pethel (Sunday) (We reflect in silent prayer during the time of the prelude)*

Hymn: *Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion* **559**
(As the music begins, please rise to sing)

Confession and Absolution **p. 184**

Introit: *Psalm 119:1, 137, 124a (Mode V)*



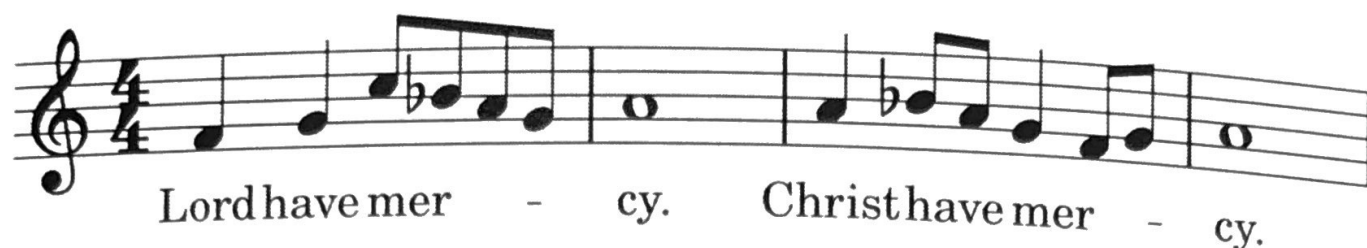
Antiphon: Blessed are the undefiled / in the way,
who walk / in the law of the LORD.

A: Righteous art Thou, O LORD, and upright are / Thy judgments.

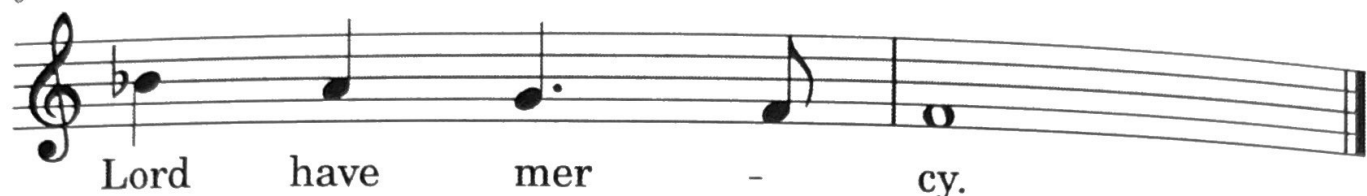
Deal with Thy servant accord-/ing unto Thy mercy.

C: 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: Blessed are the undefiled / in the way,
who walk / in the law of the LORD.

Kyrie - Lord Have Mercy

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**Hymn Of Praise: Gloria in Excelsis****p. 187****Salutation and Collect of the Day***(Please be seated for the readings)***First Reading: Proverbs 25:6–14**

Do not exalt yourself in the presence of the king, and do not stand in the place of the great; for it is better that he say to you, “Come up here,” than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince, whom your eyes have seen. Do not go hastily to court; for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor has put you to shame? Debate your case with your neighbor, and do not disclose the secret to another; lest he who hears it expose your shame, and your reputation be ruined. A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver. Like an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold is a wise rebuker to an obedient ear. Like the cold of snow in time of harvest is a faithful messenger to those who

send him, for he refreshes the soul of his masters. Whoever falsely boasts of giving is like clouds and wind without rain.

A: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle *Ephesians 4:1–6*

Brethren: I, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in us all, who is blessed forever and ever. Amen.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual: *Psalm 33:6, 12 (Mode V)*

By the word of the LORD were the / heavens made;
 and all the host of them / by the breath of His mouth.
 Blessed is the nation whose God / is the LORD;
 and the people whom He hath chosen for / His own
 inheritance.

(Please rise for the Alleluia)

Alleluia



Holy Gospel: *Luke 14:1–11*

P: The Lord be with You.

C: **And with your Spirit.** *(Spoken)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14th chapter.

C: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

At that time: As Jesus went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath, they watched Him closely. And behold, there was a certain man before Him who had dropsy. And Jesus, answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?” But they kept silent. And He took him and healed him, and let him go. Then He answered them, saying, “Which of you, having a donkey or an ox that has fallen into a pit, will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?” And they could not answer Him regarding these things. So He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noted how they chose the best places, saying to them: “When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him; and he who invited you and him come and say to you, ‘Give place to this man,’ and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are

invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, go up higher.’ Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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(Please be seated for the hymn)

Hymn of the Day: *Seek Where You May to Find a Way*

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Sermon

Offertory Music *In the Breaking of the Bread – J. Martin –
(Sunday)*

Offertory *Create in Me A Clean Heart*

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(As the music begins, please rise to sing)

Prayer of the Church

Preface

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Sanctus - *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Ho - ly Ho - ly, Ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a - oth.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na Ho - san - na in

God the high - est. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord Ho -

-san - na Ho - san - na in God the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving 1

The Words of Our Lord

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Lord's Prayer

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Pax Domini – *The Peace of the Lord*

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Agnus Dei - *Lamb of God*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world. Have

mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the

sin of the world. Have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

ta - kest a-way the sin of the world. Grant us Peace.

(Please be seated after the Agnus Dei)

Distribution

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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.

Communion Prayers *Prayers are provided for before and after communing inside the front cover of the hymnal under "Prayers for Worship". Please make use of these prayers or your own prayers during the time before, during and after communion*

(Please rise for the Post Communion Collect)

Post Communion Collect

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Salutation and Benedicamus

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Benediction

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

(We reflect in silent prayer following the closing hymn)

Postlude

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Attendance

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Assisting with our service: Assistant: Bill Leon (Sat), Lead
Deacon: Gary Poulin (Sat) Faith Twining (Sun), Reader: Lois
McCutcheon (Sat), Altar Guild: Lois McCutcheon (Sat) Faith
Twining (Sun)

Pancake Breakfast: We will be having the Pancake Breakfast on October 25th from 8-10 am in our Fellowship Hall for a \$5 donation! Call the office for tickets, or they can also be purchased at the door! There will be pancakes, eggs, sausage, and coffee. Apple Fritters will also be available to purchase!

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

Fall Fellowship: Pictionary & Lunch, Date: Tuesday,
October 28, Time: 11:45 AM, Location: Church Lounge:
Celebrate the season with laughter, creativity, and connection!
Bring your own lunch and join us for a spirited game of
Pictionary. Let's enjoy the warmth of community as the leaves
turn and the days grow crisp. *"A cheerful heart is good
medicine."* — Proverbs 17:22 All ages welcome. Come ready to
draw, guess, and giggle!

News At St. John Church

God's Blessing – *“Pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.” James 5:14.* The blessing of God with prayer and the anointing with oil is an ancient and biblical custom.

Following services on **Saturday, November 1 and Sunday, November 2, All Saints** weekend. you are invited to join at the altar area after service for a brief time of scripture, prayer and this request for God's blessing!

Ladies Book Study: If you are interested in attending a ladies' Christian book study, please text or call Wendy at - 860-975-8170. Dates and times TBD.

Online Giving: We recently set up a secure giving option through the Joyful Response program, already in use for our direct deposit for offerings. “You may set up a one-time donation or recurring offering to St. John through this link.” Credit/Debit card payments and bank ACH are accepted through this program. Credit card fees are deducted from the amount unless otherwise selected.



Repair Request: If you notice any broken or damaged, please fill out a St. John Property Board Repair Form outside the church office, and place in the Property Board mailbox. Thank you!

Tuesday Bible study in the lounge: Join us for our Tuesday morning Bible study beginning at 10 AM for fellowship and a study of the Gospel of John. All welcome!

Whoever Humbles Himself Will Be Exalted

“Do not put yourself forward in the king’s presence” (Prov. 25:6–14). Rather, take the lowest position at the table. Humble yourself before Him. For your place is not for you to take but for Him to give. Conduct yourself with all lowliness and gentleness, bearing with one another in love (Eph. 4:1–6), that the King may give you glory in the presence of those at the table with you. “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted” (Luke 14:1–11). Is this not the way of Christ? He is the one who took the lowest place, who humbled Himself even to the point of death for us. He is now exalted to the highest place at the right hand of the Father that penitent believers may be exalted together with Him in the resurrection. To the humble at His Supper He says, “Friend, move up higher,” giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness that you may ascend to take part in the great wedding feast which has no end. Lcms.org/worship