

Proper 18 Sept.5, 2021 St John's Ev. Lutheran Church and School
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10 AM By phone 1(888) 788-0099 Meeting ID 886 7604 5376 for Personal ID use “ # ”

We are on Zoom and have established an 800 number for those who wish to use their phone to connect and not be charged long distance. Our weekly invitation link can also be used by Wi-Fi connection. The Zoom computer connection or 800 number is a good way for you to have our service available to you and your family and friends **1(888) 788-0099** is the free 800 phone number. For Sunday worship the meeting ID is **886 7604 5376**, no personal ID is required. Just hit the # sign when asked for personal ID. If you have a smart phone you can enter with video connection or not. If you do not get in please call 385-234-1931 before 10 AM and I will try to help you connect.

The easiest way to come on Zoom by computer is to have an invitation email with a link. You will need to send your email address to me or Susan, so we can send out an invitation with a link to our meeting. If you notice someone missing from the email addresses in your email or want to invite someone you know, either forward this to them or send an email to Susan Roberts or Pastor Hank so we can include them in our ongoing email invitations if they desire.

We are privileged and commanded by God to worship Him. Worship is the highest art form and good work that humans can do before and with God. Worship brings us into God's presence, where we first confess our sins and receive His forgiveness to enter His presence as well as receive His blessings for life now and in eternity. Worship establishes and maintains eternal fellowship with God. Worship is not an entertainment activity. Do not sit back and watch; true worship requires your active listening and participation. Even while muted, sing the hymns and speak the responses, prayers and confessions.

Because of the second to second and a half lag-time between you and the source of the music or leading voice, unison participation requires us to mute our mic or phone if this feature is available, or cover the mouth-piece/mic. Only one voice should be heard responding to avoid confusion of the feedback and distract from our worship.. Our joyful noise is certainly heard by our Lord, but it is distracting to our worship concentration with the lag time. Remember, worship is not worship unless you are involved in the worship acts, so don't just watch, -- join in, listen, and participate.

You will have opportunity to speak to and greet each other both before and after worship. The actual worship will start at 10 AM, but we will establish our meeting for you to connect at or after 9:45 AM. You will come into the zoom waiting room and be brought in by the host or co-host ASAP. Your wait time will be very short.

We have opened up the church, so you can worship in it. **We will need to social distance as family units, wear masks, wash hands and enjoy fellowship together.** Cell Phones dialed into our zoom program will allow you to fellowship with and be active together in worship if you choose to worship from home. You are asked to mute your phone while service is going on and to worship normally. Communion is offered on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays after completion of the worship on zoom. Private communion is offered upon request. We will continue to utilize Zoom for Sunday worship as part of our outreach to the community and for those who are at home or traveling.

Thank you for joining our worship today.
Pastor Hank & St. John's Congregation

St. John's Lutheran Church & CCDC

Sept 5, 2021 Proper 18 / 15th Sunday after Pentecost

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Divine Service Setting 1 / Service of the Word & Sacrament

GREETINGS:

P: We worship in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: The Lord is the strength of His people;

C: He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

Opening Hymn LSB 940 “Holy God, We praise Thy Name”

1. Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all we bow before Thee. All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore Thee. Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.
2. Hark! The glad celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising; Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising, Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord!
3. Lo, the apostles' holy train Join Thy sacred Name to hallow; Prophets swell the glad refrain And,
the white-robed martyrs follow, And from morn to set of sun Through the Church the song goes on
4. Thou art king of Glory, Christ; Son of God, yet born of Mary. For us sinners sacrificed,
As to death a Tributary, First to break the bars of death, Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.
5. Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee; Though in essence only one,
↑ Undivided God we claim Thee And, adoring, bend the knee While we own the mystery.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: but if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then, confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and
eternal punishment. 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.**

*P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake, forgives you
all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore
forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C: Amen!

INTROIT (Ps.28:1-2, 6-7; Antiphon Ps.28:8)

P: The Lord is the strength of His people;

C: He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

P: To You, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,

C: lest, if You be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

P: Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to You for help,

C: when I lift up my hands toward Your most holy sanctuary.

P: Blessed be the LORD!

C: for He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

P: The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

C: my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.

**Glory be to the Father and to the (+) Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: The LORD is the strength of His people;

C: He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

KYRIE:

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Sing **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation. Let us pray to the Lord.

Sing **C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, & the unity of all,
Let us pray to the Lord.*

Sing **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house & for all who offer here their worship & praise. Let us pray to the Lord.

Sing **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Sing **C: Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE LSB pg. 154: "This Is the Feast"

Refrain : This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia

1. --Worthy is Christ, the Lamb Who was slain, Whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain.*
2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. *Refrain*
3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all cre – a - tion. *Stanza 4*
4. Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen *Refrain*
5. For the Lamb -- Who was slain has begun His reign. Al-le-lu-ia. *Refrain*

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

Sing **C: And also with you.**

COLLECT of the Day:

P: Let us pray. O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sing **C: AMEN.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴ Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.”⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

P: This is the Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

GRADUAL: (Rom. 11:33,36)

P: Fear the LORD, you His saints,

C: for those who fear Him lack nothing!

P: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

C: but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

EPISTLE READING: James 2:18-26

¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ¹⁹ You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! ²⁰ Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? ²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the Altar? ²² You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; ²³ and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God. ²⁴ You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. ²⁵ And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? ²⁶ For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Alleluia. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcast of Israel.

C: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.

Common Verse:

Sing **Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 7:24-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 7th chapter.

Sing **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁴ And from there He arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And He entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet He could not be hidden. ²⁵ But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of Him and came and fell down at His feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ And He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸ But she answered Him, Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹ And He said to her, “For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰ And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Sing **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON HYMN LSB 842 “Son of God, Eternal Savior”

1. Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, Whose birth among us Hallows all our human race. You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead: Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
2. As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live. Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give. Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stewards of Your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.
3. Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease. By Your patient years of toiling, By Your silent hours of pain, Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.
4. Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race: By Your praying, by Your willing That Your people should be one, Grant, O grant our hope’s fruition: Here on earth Your will be done.

SERMON:

...“For this statement you may go your way....”

Nicene Creed *(the confession of Christ’s Universal Christian Church)*

P: Let us now confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only -begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life (+) of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer Hymn: LSB 966 “Before You, Lord, We Bow”

1. Before You, Lord we bow, Our God who reigns above, And rules the world below,
Boundless in pow’r and love. Our thanks we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise
To You, our King!
2. The nation You have blest May well Your love declare, From foes and fears at rest,
Protected by Your care. For this bright day, For this fair land – Gifts of Your hand – Our
thanks we pay.

3. May ev-'ry mountain height, Each vale and forest green, Shine in Your Word's pure light,
And it rich fruits be seen! May ev-'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise
A grateful song.
4. Earth, hear your Maker's voice; Your great Redeemer own; Believe, obey, and rejoice,
And worship Him alone. Cast down your pride, Your sin deplore,
And bow before The Crucified.
5. And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our native land From all its rending tombs Send
forth a glorious band, A countless throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King
Salvation's song.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

(after each petition ending in Lord in your mercy-- the congregational response is): **Hear our prayer.**

P: *Almighty God and gracious Father We pray for our members and friends for Dru Gylten, Robert Schiavo, Sharyn Oliver, Louise Merritt, Bob Malinsky, Dorothy Erickson, Joan Schrank, Lola Stopper, Irma Keil, Irmgard Ristau, Maurine Rathje, Barbara Clark, and Colleen & Ray Johnson. We pray for Mrs. Kathleen Switzer, mother of Sherry Rowe battling Covid. In Your mercy look on us whose increasing years bring weakness, anxiety, distress, or loneliness. Grant that we may always know care and respect, concern and understanding. Grant us willing hearts to accept help and, as our strength wanes, increase our faith with the constant assurance of Your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior;
Lord in You mercy:*

C: **Hear our prayer.**

P: *and teach us to pray;*

LORD'S PRAYER:

**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.**

Sing **OFFERTORY:**

All: What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the Name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation, and will call on the Name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

OFFERING: (As you are privileged, do contribute to our Lord's ministry by sending your offering in support of God's ministry at St. John's Lutheran Church, 475 East Herbert Ave., Salt Lake City, UT 84111)
In the House of the Lord, the Offering is taken for the partnership with God in His ministry in our community and through this congregation. To participate, you will need to send it to the address above or use the PayPal app on our website. stjohnslutheranslc.org

Offering Hymn LSB 789 Praise and Thanksgiving

1. Praise and thanks-giving, Father, we offer For all things living, Created good: Harvest of
sown fields, Fruits of the orchard, Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.

2. Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve You That with our neighbor We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, We would work with You, Harvesting, milling For daily bread.
3. Father, providing Food for Your children, By Your wise guiding Teach us to share
One with another, So that, rejoicing With us, all others May know Your care.

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.

Closing Hymn LSB 924 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

1. Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace; Let us each,
Your love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us; O refresh us,
Trav’ling through this wilderness.
2. Thanks we give and adoration For Your Gospel’s joyful sound. May the fruits of Your
salvation In our hearts and lives abound. Ever faithful, ever faithful To Your truth may
we be found.
3. Savior, when Your love shall call us From our struggling pilgrim way, Let not fear of
death appall us, Glad Your summons to obey. May we ever, may we ever Reign with
You in endless day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Please keep in your prayers: Dru Gylten, Robert Schiavo, Sharyn Oliver, Louise Merritt, Bob Malinsky, Dorothy Erickson, Joan Schrank, Lola Stopper, Irma Keil, Irmgard Ristau, Maurine Rathje, Barbara Clark, and Colleen & Ray Johnson, Mrs. Kathleen Switzer, mother of Sherry Rowe and Covid. Lisa Nelson in ICU and Margo Henderson cousins recovering from Covid.
2. Wednesday Bible Study is at 10 AM on zoom. Request a link from Susan. All are invited. We will be starting the Second Letter of Peter soon.
3. The church is open for at-church worship. Please social distance and wear masks to protect yourself from the delta variant of Covid 19.
4. We need your yard sale donation. Bring it to Bob. We will be holding the yard sale September 17 & 18 Bring your stuff now. Tables and plastic to cover them is also desired. Bring your stuff and help us make this a success.
5. Our Mission in Akobo South Sudan needs our prayers for their people and Pastor Stevens and others who are sharing the Gospel and economic support. Poor economic / food shortages due to war and pandemic along with a rainy season that is on again off again is an extreme challenge to our ministry there. Continued mission outreach is critical as this open door seems to be in danger of closing.
6. A special relief fund has been established for assistance in Haiti. All donations for this should be designated as such. The request is that we send what we have as soon as possible. You are asked to participate
7. St. Joseph Care Center is now on lockdown due to Covid 19
8. Pray for the Americans and their allies left behind enemy lines, and pray for our enemies that their hearts be changed and they come to the knowledge of the Truth of Jesus as Savior, even for them.