

Proper 20 September 19, 2021
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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 19, 2021 Proper 20 / 17th 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: Delight yourself in the LORD,

C: and He will give you the desires of your heart.

Opening Hymn LSB 850 “God of Grace and God of Glory

1. God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your pow’r; Crown Your ancient Church’s story; Bring its bud to glorious flow’r. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.
2. Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the living of these days, For the living of these days.
3. Cure Your children’s warring madness; Bend our pride to Your control; Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage lest we miss Your kingdom’s goal, Lest we miss Your kingdom’s goal.
4. Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore; Let the gift of Your salvation Be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving You Whom we adore, Serving You Whom we adore.

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.37:5-7; Antiphon Ps.37:4)

P: Delight yourself in the LORD,

C: and He will give you the desires of your heart.

P: Commit your way to the LORD;

C: trust in Him, and He will act.

P: He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,

C: and your justice as the noonday.

P: Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him;

**C: fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,
over the man who carries out evil devices!**

**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: Delight yourself in the LORD,

C: and He will give you the desires of your heart.

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 God, Whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; 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: Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸ The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then You showed me their deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, “Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut Him off from the land of the living, that His name be remembered no more.” ²⁰ But, O LORD of Hosts, Who judges righteously, Who tests the heart and the mind, let Me see Your vengeance upon them, for to You have I committed My cause.

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 3:13-4:10

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵ This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. ^{4:1} What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ² You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴ You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that He has made to dwell in us”? ⁶ But He gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourself before the Lord, and He will exalt you.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Alleluia. If anyone would be first, He must be last of all

C: and servant of all. 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 9:30-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 9th chapter.

Sing C: Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁸ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And He did not want anyone to know, ³¹ for He was teaching His disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And when He is killed, after three days He will rise.” ³¹ But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask Him. ³³ And they came to

Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them “What were you discussing on the way?”³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest.³⁵ And He sat down and called the twelve. And He said to them, “If anyone would be first, He must be last of all and servant of all.”³⁶ And He took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in His arms, He said to them,³⁷ “Whoever receives one such child in My Name receives Me, and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Sing C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN LSB 732 “All Depends on Our Possessing”

1. All depends on our possessing God’s abundant grace and blessing, Though all earthly wealth depart.
They who trust with faith unshaken By their God are not forsaken And will keep a dauntless heart.
2. He who to this day has fed me And to many joys had led me Is and ever shall be mine.
He who ever gently schools me, He who daily guides and rules me Will remain my help divine.
3. Many spend their lives in fretting Over trifles and in getting Things that have no solid ground. I
shall strive to win a treasure That will bring me lasting pleasure And that now is seldom found.
4. When with sorrow I am stricken, Hope anew my heart will quicken; All my longing shall be stilled.
To His loving kindness tender Soul and body I surrender, For on God alone I build.
5. Well He knows what best to grant me; All the longing hopes that haunt me, Joy and sorrow, have
their day. I shall doubt His wisdom never, As God wills, so be it ever, I commit to Him my way.
6. If my days on earth He lengthen, God my weary soul will strengthen; All my trust in Him I place.
Earthly wealth is not abiding, Like a stream away is gliding; Safe I anchor in His grace.

SERMON: Mark 9:37 “Whoever receives one such child in My Name receives Me, and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me.”

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: Hymn LSB 752 “ Be Still, My Soul”

1. Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to order and provide; In ev’ry change He faithful will remain. Be still my soul; your best, your heav’nly Friend Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
2. Be still my soul; your God will undertake To guide the future as He has the past. Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; All now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul; the waves and wind still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.
3. BE still, my soul; though dearest friends depart And all is darkened in the vale of tears; Then you will better know His love, His heart, Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears. Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay From His own fullness all He takes away.
4. Be still, my soul; the hour is hast’ning on When we shall be forever with the Lord, When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, Sorrow forgot, love’s purest joy restored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past, All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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 recovering from 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 Your 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 806 “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks -- because He’s given -- Jesus Christ His Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks – because He’s given – Jesus Christ His Son.

And now let the weak say I am strong, Let the poor say I am rich,
Because of what the Lord has done for us

And now let the weak say I am strong, Let the poor say I am rich,
because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks, give thanks.

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 490 “Jesus Lives! The victory’s Won!”

1. Jesus Lives! The vict’ry’s won! Death no longer can appall me; Jesus lives! Death’s reign is done! From the grave will Christ recall me. Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.
2. Jesus lives! To Him the throne High above all things is given. I shall go where He is gone, Live and reign with Him in heaven. God is faithful; doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.
3. Jesus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Jesus living, Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to Him and glory giving. All I need God will dispense; This shall be my confidence.
4. Jesus lives! I know full well Nothing me from Him shall sever. Neither death nor pow’rs of hell Part me now from Christ forever. God will be my sure defense; This shall be my confidence.
5. Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate of life immortal; This shall calmmy trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal. Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Jesus is my confidence!

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 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 have just started the Second Letter of Peter.
3. The church is open for in sanctuary worship. Please social distance and wear masks to protect yourself from the delta variant of Covid 19. Use the front door for entrance.
4. 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.
5. A Special Relief Fund is established with District for Hurricane Relief for the Gulf Area. Please mark your donations accordingly. Please remember that your gifts and offerings for St. John's needs to be maintained or increased also.
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. 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.