Proper 22, October 3, 2021 St John's Ev. Lutheran Church and School 475 E. Herbert Ave.

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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

October 3, 2021 Proper 22 / 19th Sunday after Pentecost

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GREETINGS:

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

C: Amen

P: Unless the LORD builds the house,

C: those who build it labor in vain.

Opening Hymn LSB 817 "Earth and All Stars"

(Refrain) He has done marvelous things. I too will praise Him with a new song!

- 1. Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song! Oh, vic-tor-!y Loud shouting army! Sing to the Lord a new song! (*Refrain*)
- 2. Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snow storm! Sing to the Lord a new song! Flowers and trees! Loud rushing dry leaves! Sing to the Lord a new song! (Refrain)
- 3. Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals! Sing to the Lord a new song! Harp, lute and lyre! Loud humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song! (*Refrain*)
- 4. Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers! Sing to the Lord a new song! Lime-stone and beams! Loud building workers! Sing to the Lord a new song! (*Refrain*)
- 5. Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes! Sing to the Lord a new song! Athlete and band! Loud cheering people! Sing to the Lord a new Song! (*Refrain*)
- 6. Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song! Daughter and son! Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song! (*Refrain*)
- 7. Children of God, Dying and rising, Sing to the Lord a new song! Heaven and earth, Hosts everlasting, Sing to the Lord a new song! (*Refrain*)

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: Unless the LORD builds the house.

C: those who build it labor in vain.

P: Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,

C: the fruit of the womb a reward.

P: Like arrows in the hand of a warrior

C: are the children of one's youth.

P: Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them;!

C: He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

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:Unless the LORD builds the house,

C: those who build it labor in vain.

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. Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; 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: Genesis 2:18-25

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." ¹⁹ Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹ So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman because she was taken out of Man." ²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

P: This is the Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

GRADUAL: (Rom. 11:33,36)

P: He will command His angels concerning you

C: to guard you in all your ways.

P: Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C: and all that is within me, bless His holy Name!

EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 2:1-18

¹ Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ² For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience receives a just retribution, ³ how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴ while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to His will. ⁵ Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking, ⁶ It has been testified somewhere, "What is man, that You are mindful of him, or the Son of Man, that You care for Him? ⁷ You made Him for a little while lower than the angels; You have crowned Him with glory and honor; ⁸ putting everything in subjection under His feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to Him, He left nothing outside His control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to Him. ⁹ But we see Him Who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰ For it was fitting that He, for Whom and by Whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹ For He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why He is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹² saying, "I will tell of Your Name to My brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing Your praise." ¹³ And again, "I will put My trust in Him." And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given Me." ¹⁴ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death He might

destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels that He helps, but He helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore He had to be made like His brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for sins of the people. ¹⁸ For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Alleluia. Let the children come to Me; do not hinder them,

C: for to such belongs the kingdom of God. 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: Mark10:2-16

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 10th chapter.

Sing C: Glory to You, O Lord.

² And Pharisees came up and in order to test Him asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife? ³ He answered them, "What does Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." ⁵ And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶ But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female.' ⁷ Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, ⁸ and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹ What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." ¹⁰ And in the house the disciples asked Him again about this matter. ¹¹ And He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. ¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." ¹³ And they were bringing children to Him that He might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw it, He was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." ¹⁶ And He took them in His arms and blessed them, laying His hands on them. *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

sing C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN LSB 725 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

- 1. Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather; Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2. God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish. From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them..
- 3. Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever; Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.
- 4. Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsakeeth; His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

SERMON: "They Are No Longer Two, But One."

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 769 Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

- 1. Eternal Spirit of the living Christ, I know not how to ask or what to say; I only know my need as deep as life, And only You can teach me how to pray.
- 2. Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day; Help me to see Your purpose and Your will-Where I have failed, what I have done amiss; Held in forgiving love, let me be still.
- 3. Come with the strength I lack, bring vision clear Of human need; O give me eyes to see Fulfillment of my life in love out-poured, My life in You, O Christ; Your love in me.

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 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 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 917 "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"

- 1. Savior again to Thy dear name we raise With one accord our parting hymn of praise; Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease, Then, lowly bending wait Thy word of peace.
- 2. Grant us Thy peace upon our home-ward way; With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day. Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame, That in this house have called upon Thy name.
- 3. Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night; Turn Thou for us its darkness into light. From harm and danger keep Thy children free; For dark and light are both alike to Thee.
- 4. Grant us Thy peace through out our earthly life, Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife; Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease, Call us, O Lord to Thine eternal peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 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 close to finishing 2 Peter and will then begin a study of the patriarchs using Luther's Works.
- 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 your entrance. Communion after service.
- 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.