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Luke 17:18-19

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*We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church. We are delighted to have you worship with us this morning. Should you have no permanent church-home in this community, why not consider making this one your own? Please sign the guest book as you leave worship today. You are most welcome here at St. John! Most elements of our service can be found in the bulletin, everything else is in the hymnal. Page refers to the numbered pages towards the front of the hymnal, hymns are bold and towards the back. Please rise when there is an *, congregational responses are in **bold**, and underlined elements of the service are found in the hymnal.*

HOLY COMMUNION

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It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

PRELUDE: *Now Thank We All Our God* – Robert Hobby

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the only Sovereign, who dwells in light;
Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners;
the Holy Spirit, who lives within us.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

God of overflowing grace,

we come to you with repentant hearts.

Forgive us for shallow thankfulness.

Forgive us for passing by the ones in need.

Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures.

Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness.

Bring us home from the wilderness of sin,

and strengthen us to serve you

in all that we do and say;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents.

By the grace of God in † Christ Jesus,

who gave himself up for us all,

your sins are forgiven and you are made free.

Rejoice with the angels and with one another!

We are home in God's mercy, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG #886: *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing


***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*GLORY TO GOD

Assisting minister




Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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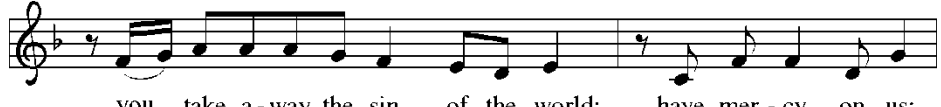
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,




we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



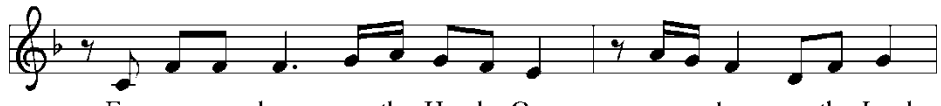
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,




you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;




you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**Almighty and most merciful God,
your bountiful goodness fills all creation.**

**Keep us safe from all that may hurt us,
that, whole and well in body and spirit,
we may with grateful hearts accomplish
all that you would have us do,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a-c}Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



PSALM 111

1. Ha - le - lu - jah! A - mong the just My heart will
 2. His work is full of ma - jes - ty, En - dur - ing
 3. To those who fear him, he gives food; He shows the
 4. His hands work jus - tice, faith - ful - ness, And his com-
 5. Re - demp - tion and e - ter - nal law He sent us;

give God thanks and praise; His works are great, stu-
 splen - dor, right - eous - ness; Gra - cious is he, re-
 pow - er of his hand As, mind - ful of his
 - mand - ments all are sure; They all are done in
 ho - ly is his Name; Wis - dom be - gins with

- died by all Who take de - light to know his ways.
 - mem - ber well His works for they are mar - vel - ous.
 cov - e - nant, He gives to us the pro - mised land.
 e - qui - ty And truth, and e - ver they en - dure.
 fear of God; His praise en - dures, al - ways the same.

SECOND READING: 2Timothy2:8-15

Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, he reminds Timothy that the word of God is never shackled or confined. He encourages his young friend to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

¹¹The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him;

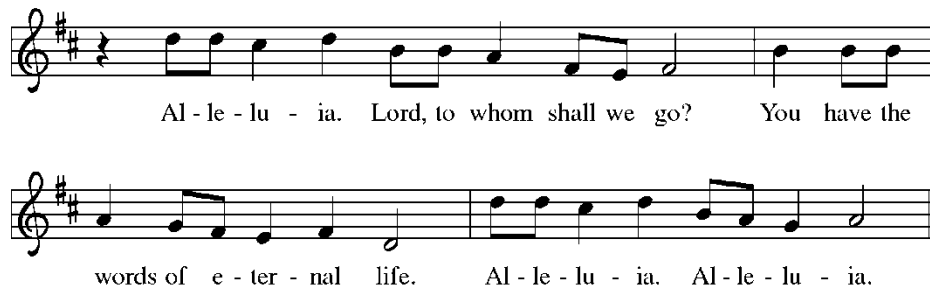
if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
for he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*GOSPEL READING: Luke 17:11-19

Jesus' mission includes making the unclean clean again. Unexpectedly, a cleansed Samaritan leper becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?" ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY #840: *Now Thank We All Our God

BLESSING FOR THOSE BEGINNING CATECHISM

The presiding minister address the parents of the confirmands

P: Dear Friends in Christ, it wasn't so long ago that you stood with a baby in your arms and made a sacred promise to God on behalf of your child to
faithfully bring your him/her
to the services of God's house,
teach your child the Lord's Prayer, the Creed,
and the Ten Commandments.
place in your child's hands the Holy Scriptures
and provide for instruction in the Christian faith,
that, living in the covenant of your child's Baptism
and in communion with the Church,
your child may lead a godly life
until the day of Jesus Christ."

I ask you to recommit to the promises
you've already made to God on behalf of your child.

I ask you parents in the presence of God, this congregation,
and your child
will you continue in the promises you made to God
in their baptism? If so, please answer, "Yes, with the help of God."

Parents: Yes, with the help of God.

At your child's baptism, the Church welcomed Madison and Mykaela into God's family. And committed to help raise these children in the Christian faith. I now ask you, People of God, do you promise to continue to support Madison and Mykaela and pray for them in their life in Christ?

If so please answer, "We do, with the help of God."

Congregation: We do, with the help of God

At this time we welcome you, Madison and Mykaela to that period of preparation known as catechism, a time when the church partners with your parents to provide for instruction in the Christian faith. It is a new beginning for you as you prepare to claim the promises of baptism for yourself.

As a sign of the beginning of this time of instruction I ask your parents to present you with a Study Bible, a gift from the people here at St. John to you. May it help you grow in faith and understanding.

P: Parents, fulfilling your promise made at her baptism, please place in your child's hands the Holy Scriptures, place your right hand on it, and your left hand on your child's shoulder.

Look them in the eyes and repeat after me:

May this Word of God... be a lamp to your feet...
and a light to your path...
and may the Living Word of God...
shine in all you do and say.

The Lord be with you, **and also with you.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you have given your daughters new birth, cleanse *them* from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain these new confirmands with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, now and forever. **Amen.**

Madison /Mykaela, Child of God, Receive the + sign of the cross, a sign of God's endless love and mercy for you.

Let us confess our baptismal faith through the words of the Apostles Creed.

***APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Set free by the truth of God's gracious love, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's good creation.

O God, we pray for the church on earth. Make us one in spirit wherever we meet and however we worship. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the health of the life-giving waters of creation. Guard them from misuse and pollution. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for leaders in our town, our region, our country, and across the globe. Equip them to work for justice for all people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who are sick or in pain, for those who feel unclean in body or spirit, and for all in need of healing, and for those affected by hurricane Matthew. We pray especially for Jim & Davena, Raymond, Francis & Grace, Kathryn, Jane, David & Ellen, those on our prayer list, and all whom we remember aloud or in our hearts. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this assembly. Send your Spirit to inspire in us words and deeds of healing in our neighborhood and wider community. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for the faithful departed, and we wait for the day when we join them in thanks and praise around your heavenly throne. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, faithful God, we place ourselves and our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN #829: *Have You Thanked the Lord?

All stand for the final stanza as the gifts are brought forward.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.
Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills
were gathered together to become one bread,
so let your church be gathered together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.
Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

through our Savior Jesus Christ;

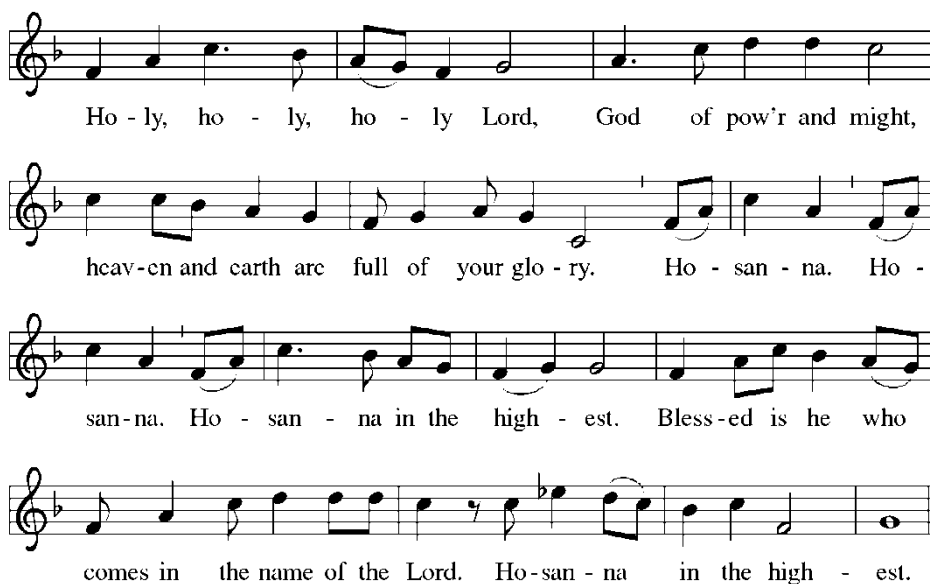
who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Holy God,

our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,

you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,

and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners

and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his life given for us
and his rising from the grave,
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

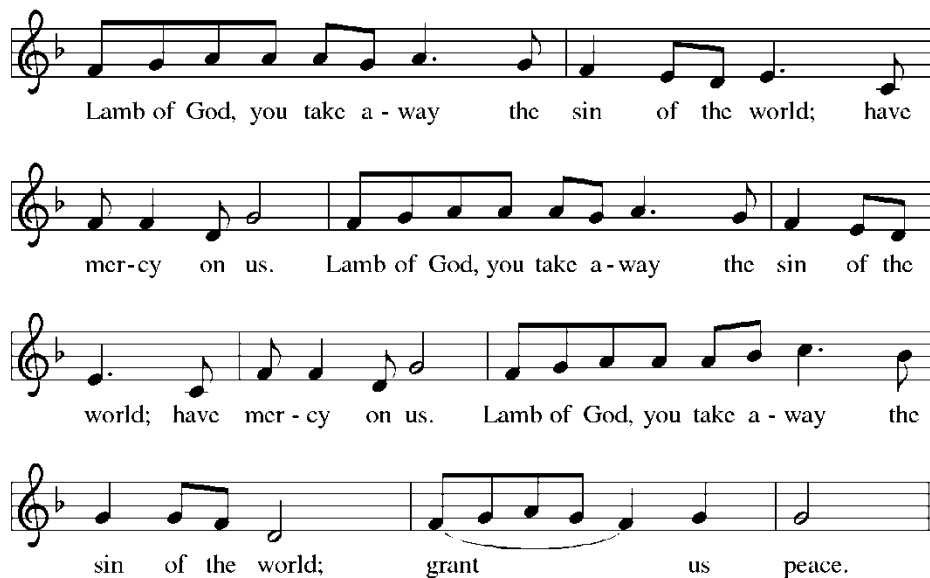
Take hold of the life that really is life.
Come, take your place at the table.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

In response to Jesus' invitation, all are welcome to come forward and experience the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine of communion. Through this meal, we know forgiveness, life and salvation as the blessings of God's sacramental grace. All are invited forward for communion or a blessing. The area of cups bordered by green tape has grape juice.

COMMUNION SONG: *Lamb of God*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN #612: *Healer of Our Every Ill*

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in grace.

Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

We come again to you, O God,
giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy
you have embraced us and healed us,
making us one in the body of Christ.

Go with us on our way.

Equip us for every good work,
that we may continue to give you thanks
by embracing others with mercy and healing;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***SENDING OF COMMUNION**

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care:

As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread,
assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament
with those who are sick and homebound.

In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament,
and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence
through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

***BLESSING**

God Almighty send you light and truth
to keep you all the days of your life.
The hand of God protect you;
the holy angels accompany you;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG #543: *Go, My Children, with My Blessing

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Now Thank We All Our God* – Sigfrid Karg-Elert

8:00 am

Assisting Minister:	Dave Knauff
Communion Assistant:	
Acolyte:	
Lector:	
Usher:	Todd Niklewicz
Attendance Last Week:	61
Weekly Budgeted Expense:	\$ 3,374.14
YTD Budgeted Expenses:	\$138,339.59
YTD Actual Expense:	\$127,897.44

10:30 am

Assisting Minister:	Valerie Cardinal
Communion Assistant:	Victoria Lydon
Acolyte:	
Lector:	
Usher:	
Attendance Last Year:	76
Last Week's Giving:	\$ 4,574.48
YTD Receipts:	\$115,957.78

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