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*~Mark 13:2*

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost– November 18, 2018**

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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? 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 if you are able when there is an \*, congregational responses are in bold, and underlined elements of the service are found in the hymnal.*

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – November 18, 2018**

*November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. So the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.*

**PRELUDE:** *Prelude in B<sup>b</sup>* by J.S.Bach

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **GATHERING**

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

### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who calls us into an everlasting hope,  
who guides us to springs of the water of life,  
who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

**Amen.**

One with the communion of saints in all times and places,  
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

O God, our merciful redeemer,  
**we confess the ways we live only for ourselves.**  
**We fail to see you in our neighbor's face.**  
**We turn our ears from voices that cry out.**  
**We pass by the hungry and the oppressed.**  
**In your great mercy, forgive our sin**  
**and strengthen us for service to all in need;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for you,  
and for † his sake,  
God forgives you all your sin.  
Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad,  
beloved people of God.  
**Amen.**

**\*GATHERINGHYMN #798 Will You Come and Follow Me**

**\*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.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE: GLORY TO GOD**



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ 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.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



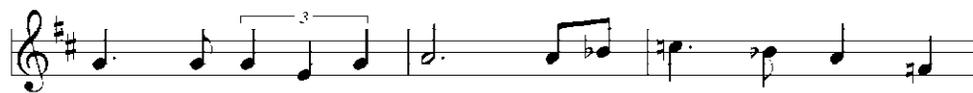
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ 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.

☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.  
 ☐ 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.  
 ☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth,  
 and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

## WORD

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

### FIRST READING: Daniel 12:1-3

*The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with God's revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.*

A reading from Daniel.

<sup>1</sup>“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and

some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars

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

## PSALM 16

My heart is glad and my spir - it re - joic - es; my  
bo - dy shall rest in hope.

<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take ref- | uge in you;  
I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good a- | bove all other.”

<sup>2</sup>**All my delight is upon the godly that are | in the land,  
upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.**

<sup>3</sup>But those who run after | other gods  
shall have their troubles | multiplied.

<sup>4</sup>**Their libations of blood I | will not offer,  
nor take the names of their gods up- | on my lips. R**

<sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion | and my cup;  
it is you who up- | hold my lot.

<sup>6</sup>**My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a | goodly heritage.**

<sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who | gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night | after night.

<sup>8</sup>**I have set the LORD al- | ways before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I | shall not fall. R**

<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;  
my body also shall | rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup>**For you will not abandon me | to the grave,  
nor let your holy one | see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup>You will show me the | path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore. **R**

## SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

A reading from Hebrews.

*Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.*

<sup>11</sup>Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," <sup>13</sup>and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-8**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.*

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" <sup>2</sup>Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

<sup>3</sup>When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>"Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY #574 Here I Am**

### **\*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

With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

Gracious God, you made the church through the working of the Holy Spirit, and you provide the assurance of faith through your Son. Guide us in our proclamation of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You created all things and said your creation was good. Protect land and water from harm, cause all living things to thrive, and raise up stewards for the well-being of creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You desire peace for the whole world. Provide refuge for those in harm's way, bring an end to war, and instill in political leaders the love for all that comes from you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You reveal your compassion through caregivers, advocates, and medical professionals. Heal the sick, deliver the suffering, bind up the brokenhearted, provide shelter for the homeless and food for the hungry. We pray especially for Bob, Jeannette, Carol, Cindy, Karen, Harry, Margie, Ruth, Pastor Storm, Frieda, Kim, Bill, Francis & Grace, David & Ellen; those suffering loss and grief from violence and wildfires, those on our prayer list, and all whom we remember aloud or in our heart. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You bless us in our coming and our going, in our waking and our sleeping, and in our daily work. Make our love and good deeds a reflection of the freedom you give us in Christ Jesus. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You grant us everlasting life. Through the witness of your saints who now rest in the Lord, inspire us in our lives of faithful service. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, that we commend to you this day, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING

OFFERING ANTHEM: Thankful

### *Thankful*

*Some days we forget to look around us; some days we can't see the joy that surrounds us. So caught up inside ourselves, we take when we should give. So for tonight, we pray for what we know can be. And on this day we hope for what we still can't see. It's up to us to be the change, and even though we all can still do more, there's so much to be thankful for.*

*Look beyond ourselves; there's so much sorrow. It's way too late to say, "I'll cry tomorrow." Each of us must find our truth, so long overdue. So for tonight, we pray for what we know can be. And every day we hope for what we still can't see. It's up to us to be the change, and even though we all can still do more, there's so much to be thankful for.*

*So for tonight, we pray for what we know can be. And on this day, we hope for what we can't see. It's up to us to be the change, and even though this world needs so much more, there's so much to be thankful for.*

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN #685 Take My Life**

*Please stand for the final verse.*

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray,  
Creator God, you made everything, and you provide for every need.  
The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you.  
As we eat and drink with thanksgiving,  
fill us with your love;  
let that love flow through us to others;  
and join us to the saints before us  
in a holy and boundless communion;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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:



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 are yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church both now and forever.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the lyrics: "A - men, a - men, a -". The second staff continues with the lyrics: "men, a - men, a - men." The melody is simple and homophonic, using a soprano clef. The notes are mostly quarter and half notes, with some longer notes indicated by a fermata.

## LORD'S PRAYER:

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**

Hunger no more. Thirst no more.  
Come to the banquet of life

*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. Gluten free wafers are available.*

## **COMMUNION**

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

## **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, grant us peace.

## **\*COMMUNION HYMN #696 *Jesus Calls Us***

**\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**Amen.**

**\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Sovereign God,

in this meal you give us a foretaste

of the great feast to come.

Keep us faithful to you,

that we, with all your saints,

may at length celebrate

the marriage feast of the Lamb,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

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

**BLESSING**

The love of God surround you;

the grace of + Christ release you;

and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength,

now and forevermore.

**Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG #513 Listen, God is Calling**

**\*DISMISSAL**

Led on by the saints before us,

go in peace to serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** Fugue in G by J.S.Bach

**8:00 am**

**Assisting Minister: KellyGreb**

**Communion Assistant:**

**Acolyte:**

**Lector:**

**Usher: Larry Werner**

**Attendance Last Week: 55**

**Weekly Budgeted Expense:\$ 3,088.92**

**YTD Budgeted Expenses: \$ 139,001.54**

**YTD Actual Expense: \$ 152,384.88**

**10:30 am**

**Assisting Minister: Martha Ward**

**Communion Assistant:**

**Acolyte:**

**Lector:**

**Usher:**

**Attendance Last Year: 56**

**Last Week's General Giving \$1,313.85**

**Last Week's Designated Giving: \$186.15**

**2018 YTD General Giving: \$126,372.49**

**2018 YTD Designated Giving: \$18,130.45**

**2018 YTD Receipts: \$144,689.09**

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