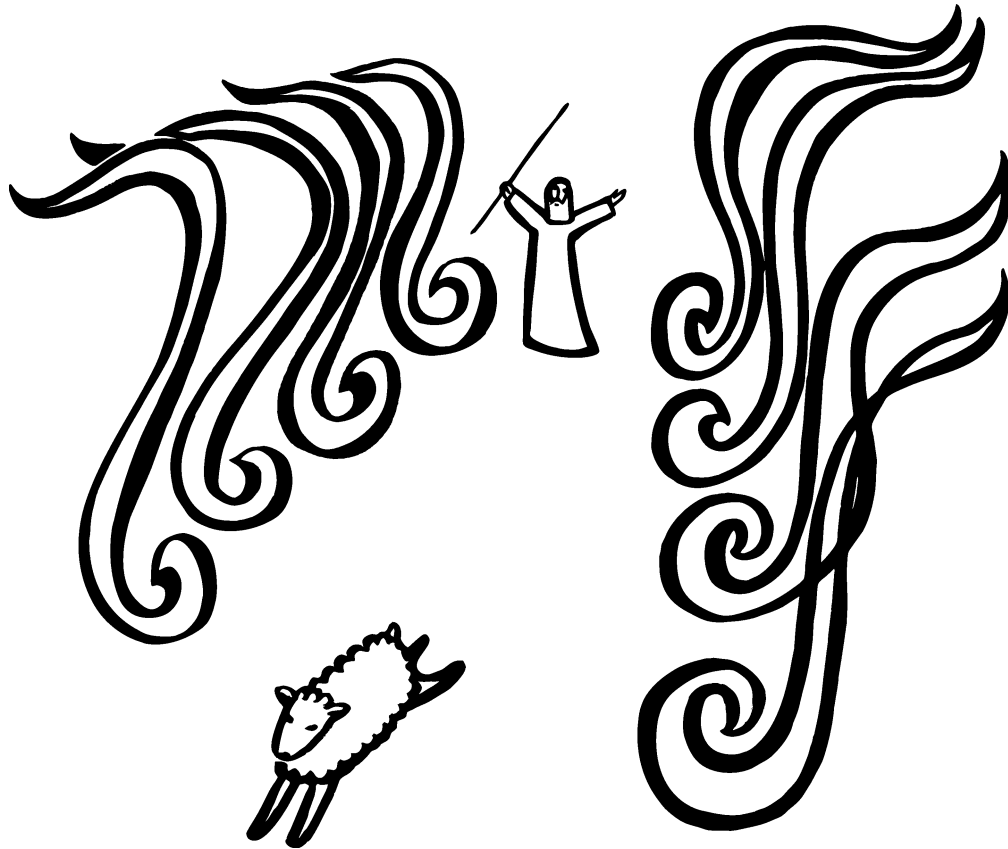


# WORSHIP: RESCUE AT SEA

Sunday, October 2, 2022

9:30 am



PRELUDE

“Choral Dorien”

Jehan Alain

+ **Gathering** +

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

Then Israel Was in Egypt's Land



1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land,  
2 The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo-ple go;  
3 The pillar of cloud shall clear the way,  
4 As Is - rael stood by the wa - ter - side,



op - pressed so hard they could not stand,  
to lead the childr'n of Is - rael through, let my peo-ple go.  
a fire by night, a shade by day,  
at God's com-mand it did di - vide,

*Refrain*



Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land,



tell old Pha - raoh: Let my peo - ple go!

5 When they had reached the other shore,  
let my people go;  
they sang the song of triumph o'er,  
let my people go. *Refrain*

6 Oh, let us all from bondage flee,  
let my people go;  
and let us all in Christ be free,  
let my people go. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: TUBMAN, African American spiritual

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.**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we enter into sacred covenant with God. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

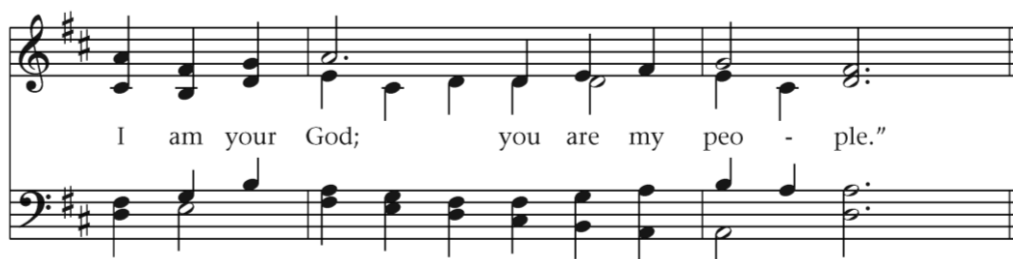
We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the Life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## LITANY OF PRAISE: OUR COVENANTING GOD

*Refrain:*



We bless and thank you, Lord our God, for the promise you spoke to Noah:

**“I establish my covenant with you:**

**Never again will all life be destroyed by the water of a flood.”** (Gen. 9:11)

With joy, your people heard the sure promise:

*Refrain*

For the promise you spoke to Abraham and Sarah:

**“I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant**

**between me and you and your descendants after you**

**for the generations to come,**

**to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.”** (Gen. 17:7)

With joy, your people heard the sure promise:

*Refrain*

For the promise you spoke to Moses, Miriam, and the people of Israel:

**“If you obey me fully and keep my covenant,**

**then you will be my treasured possession.**

**You will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”** (Ex. 19:5-6)

With joy, your people heard the sure promise:

*Refrain*

For the promise you spoke to David:

**“I will raise up your offspring to succeed you,**

**your own flesh and blood,**

**and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.”** (2 Sam. 7:12-13)

With joy, your people heard the sure promise:

*Refrain*

For the promise you spoke through Jeremiah:  
**“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel:  
I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.  
I will be their God, and they will be my people.”** (Jer. 31:33)  
With joy, your people heard the sure promise:  
*Refrain*

For the promise you spoke through Jesus:  
**“This is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is poured out for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.”** (Matt. 26:28, Luke 22:20)  
With joy, your people heard the sure promise:

*Refrain*

Heirs of the promise, called by your Spirit,  
we hear again these gracious promises.  
With joy and trust we declare:  
**You are our God; we are your people.**

Words and Music (JANNA fragment): David A. Hoekema, 1978.  
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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

**God of salvation, you rescued the Israelites at the edge of the Red Sea. Rescue us from the things of this world that threaten our lives and livelihoods, so that we might forever place our trust in you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

**+ Word +**

## THE BIBLE STORY

Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29

*In keeping with the oral tradition of scripture, the Bible Story is presented verbally. You are invited to receive the story with open ears, minds, and hearts, joining with our ancestors in faith who have received these narratives through oral storytelling for thousands of years. For those who are hard of hearing, the text is provided on page 19.*

Word of God, word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Refrain:*

Make known the deeds of the LORD a - mong the  
peo - ples. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Psalm 105:1, 45

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*Psalm Tone:*

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- <sup>23</sup>Israel came | into Egypt,  
and Jacob became a sojourner in the | land of Ham.
- <sup>24</sup>**The LORD made the people of Israel | very fruitful,  
more numerous | than their enemies,**
- <sup>25</sup>whose hearts God turned, so that they hat- | ed God's people,  
and dealt unjustly with the ser- | vants of God.
- <sup>26</sup>**O LORD, you sent Mo- | ses your servant,  
and Aaron, your | chosen one.**
- <sup>27</sup>They worked your | signs among them,  
and portents in the | land of Ham. *Refrain*
- <sup>37</sup>You led out your people with sil- | ver and gold;  
in all their tribes there was not | one that stumbled.
- <sup>38</sup>**Egypt was glad to | see them go,  
because they were a- | fraid of them.**
- <sup>39</sup>You spread out a cloud | for a covering  
and a fire to give | light by night.
- <sup>40</sup>**They asked, and | you brought quail,  
and satisfied them with | bread from heaven.**
- <sup>41</sup>You opened the rock, and | water flowed,  
so the river ran in | the dry places. *Refrain*
- <sup>42</sup>**For you remembered your | holy word  
and Abra- | ham your servant.**
- <sup>43</sup>So you led forth your peo- | ple with gladness,  
your chosen with | shouts of joy.

<sup>44</sup>**You gave your people the lands | of the nations,  
and they took the fruit of | others' toil,**  
<sup>45</sup>that they might | keep your statutes  
and observe your teachings. | Hallelujah! *Refrain*

SERMON

Pastor Allison Bengfort

HYMN OF THE DAY

D A Bm A D G D Asus A D

1 Through the Red Sea brought at last, al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Like the cloud that ov - er - head, al - le - lu - ia!  
3 In that cloud and in that sea, al - le - lu - ia!

D A Bm C#m7(b5) F# Bm7 Asus A D

E - gypt's chains be - hind we cast, al - le - lu - ia!  
Through the bil - lows Is - rael led, al - le - lu - ia!  
Bur - ied and bap - tized were we, al - le - lu - ia!

A D B E A D A/C#

Deep and wide flows the tide sev - ering us from  
By his tomb Christ makes room, souls re - stor - ing  
Earth - ly night brought us light, which is ours e -

Esus E A G Bm7 Asus A D

bond - age past, al - le - lu - ia!  
from the dead, al - le - lu - ia!  
ter - nal - ly, al - le - lu - ia!

*Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.*

Words: Ronald A. Knox (1888-1957), P.D.

Music (STRAF MICH NICHT 7.4.7.4.6.7.4): *Straf mich nicht*, melody from *Hundert Arien*, 1694, P.D.

## A CELTIC CREED

**We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life,  
of sun and moon, of water and earth,  
of people of every color and gender.**

**We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,  
born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree.  
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.  
He descended into the earth to the place of death.  
On the third day he rose from the tomb.  
He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present,  
and His kin-dom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,  
life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness,  
source of resurrection and of eternal life.  
Amen.**

From the Iona Abbey Worship Book, adapted by Pr. Allison Bengfort.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

I invite you to assume a posture of prayer. You may sit, stand, or kneel; fold your hands or turn them upward; close your eyes or lift them to the altar.

Eternal God, Everlasting One,  
Thank you for this short span of life  
you give us on this wonderful earth.  
As we look to your eternal presence  
we are reminded of our smallness.  
Each of us: precious and unique,  
but only a tiny part of the bigger picture.

We come today in the name of all people to ask for your help.  
We offer our prayers for the people and situations  
in our world that we are afraid of or anxious about.  
We name them before you now, silently or aloud.

*Pause for silent and spoken prayers.*

O God, you know our thoughts, our hopes,  
our dreams and our fears.  
We offer them to you today and ask you to pour out your Spirit  
into every person and situation we have named.  
May all people have a sense of your loving, caring presence.  
May they be comforted and encouraged by it.

Help us to be the one who is present when we can,  
to offer a word or action that will alleviate their pain  
or take away their fear.

Give us confidence to take action,  
give us strength to go for the long-term solutions  
rather than the quick fixes.

God in your mercy, hear our prayers. **Amen.**

From *Spill the Beans: Worship and Learning Resources for All Ages*, Issue 13, page 34. Adapted by Pr. Allison Bengfort.

## THE PEACE

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

*You are invited to share a sign of peace with one another (wave, handshake, hug, etc.), honoring the personal boundaries of all. Those online may unmute and verbally share the peace.*

**+ Meal +**

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

Grounded in God's covenant, it is our active love that reveals who we worship. As the plate is passed, you are invited to commit to giving of your whole selves. Together, we give of our talents and material resources to the church, with the expectation that they be used to further God's dream for our world.

By Tim Graves, adapted by Pr. Allison Bengfort.

## OFFERING

*We give thanks for your ongoing support of the ministry of St. John's!  
Gifts may be placed in the offering plate, made in the Vanco Mobile app, or given online at [stjohnswilmette.org/give](http://stjohnswilmette.org/give). Thank you for your generosity!*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Thou, O Lord, art my Protector," from *The Heavens Declare*

Camille Saint-Saëns



OFFERTORY VERSE

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
 we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
 all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
 with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
 Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927  
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

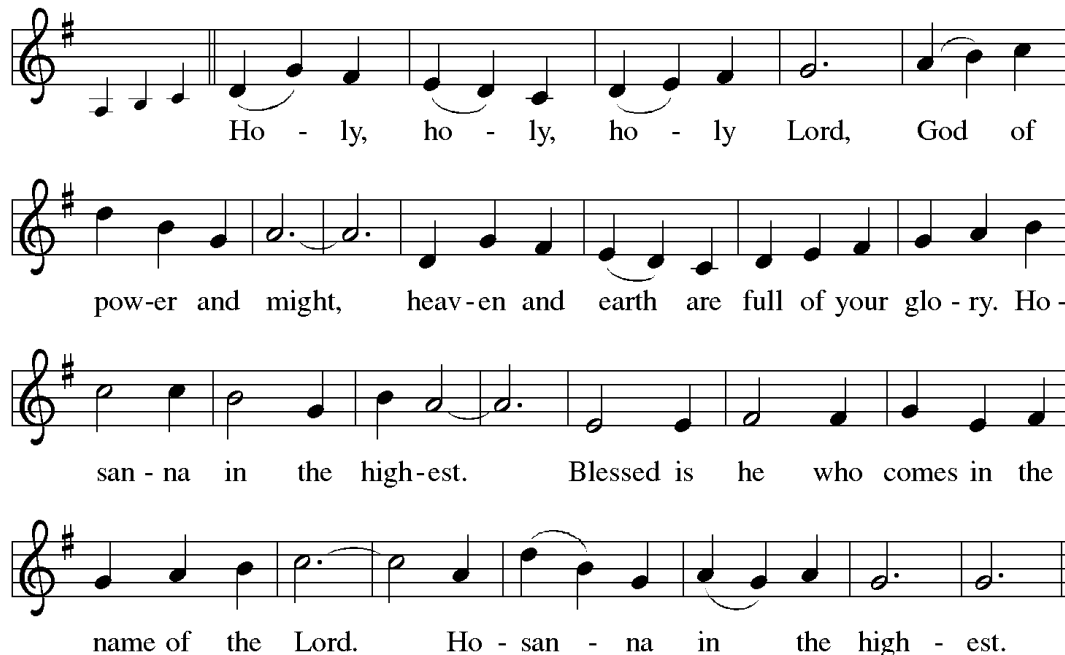
Let us pray together.  
**Gracious God,**  
**in your great love you richly provide for our needs.**  
**Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,**  
**and make us ready to share with all in need;**  
**through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

DIALOGUE

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.**

PREFACE

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*Those worshipping online are invited to raise their bread and wine along with the pastor to be blessed.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

**God our Mother,  
God our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kin-dom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kin-dom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**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,  
the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*The congregation may be seated.*

*All are welcome to commune at Christ's table! If you are online, serve yourself or those worshipping with you by saying, "The body of Christ, given for you," and, "The blood of Christ, shed for you." If you are communing in person, please proceed down the center aisle at the direction of an usher, maintaining social distancing. You may receive bread or request a gluten-*

*free wafer. Please step forward and then remove your mask to eat in front of the altar. A glass of wine (dark colored) will be placed on the table next to you, or you may request grape juice (light colored). You may drink and then place the empty glass in the basket. Please re-mask before returning to your seat. If you would prefer to receive only a blessing, you may cross your arms across your chest to indicate this preference. If you would like to receive communion in your seat, please inform an usher, and the sacrament will be brought to you.*

## COMMUNION SONG

Come to the Table (ELW 481)

*Sung three times or more.*



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

**God of the abundant table,  
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal  
with bread for the journey.**

**Give us your grace on the road  
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## + Sending +

### COLORS OF THE COVENANT CHILDREN'S TIME



Shades of pur·ple, shades of blue, green and yell·ow, or·ange, red  
Soon new life was spring·ing forth, fill·ing land and sea and air  
In the rain·bow, you were clear: ev·ery liv·ing thing has worth.



No·ah and his fam'·ly too, saw the rain·bow ov·er·head  
God, you chose to bless the earth with the prom·ise of your care.  
You love ev·ery crea·ture here on this plan·et we call Earth.



God, Cre·a·tor, high a·bove you dis·played your sign of love.  
May we be a bless·ing too, co·cre·at·ing life with you.  
God, re·mind us ev·ery day, that your grace is here to stay.

Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette  
adapted by: Pr. Allison Bengfort

Music: Richard Redhead, 1820-1901  
Gethsemane (777777)

### BENEDICTION

God, whose breath enlivens all things,  
whose promise is everlasting,  
and whose love overflows to all,  
bless you with truth and peace,  
in the name of the Creator, † the Christ, and the Holy Spirit,  
**Amen.**



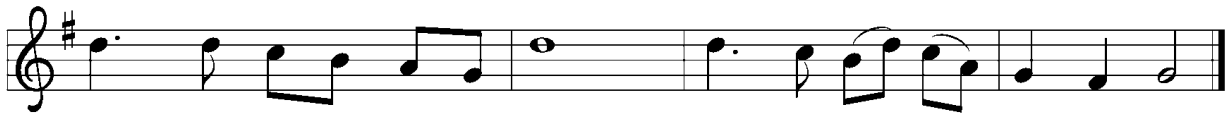
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.  
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, confident in Christ's love.

**Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

“Grand Plein Jeu a 3 Chœurs et Fugue Grave”

Jacques Boyvin

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **GoodFest**

Thank you to everyone who supported GoodFest and helped to make it a great success yesterday! Delicious food and great music were enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you especially to Peter Hauser and his team for organizing and publicizing the event, and everyone else who volunteered their time!

### **Family Promise at St. John's**

Our Family Promise host week ends today. We have had the opportunity to open our church to provide a safe place to sleep for two families who are currently in homeless situations. They have been very grateful for our help, and we have been blessed to have them.

### **Seeking Children's Church Volunteers**

We are fortunate to have a very vibrant Sunday School program going this year, and we are looking for volunteers who would be interested in teaching or assisting with Children's Church. If you're interested, please sign up using the link in your E-news. If you would like to learn more information about the curriculum and what a typical lesson looks like, please reach out to the Youth Ministry Team (Luke & Erin Rasmussen and Jason Shutters).

### **Truck Needed**

One of our families who lives in Wilmette has some awesome furniture to donate for use in the youth room. If you have a truck or know someone who does and would be willing to transport the furniture to St. John's (you do not need to do the lifting, just the driving), please call Jan in the church office to make arrangements.

### **Mask Policy Update**

Given that Cook County is now at a low COVID transmission level and that the majority of our worshipers are ready to move to masks optional, our Re-Entry Team has decided to lift our mask requirement for in-person worship. This means that all activities at St. John's are now masks optional. The Re-Entry Team will continue to monitor the COVID situation and reinstitute a mask requirement if levels spike. Thanks to those who offered input on this decision!

### **Adult Forum Today at 11 am and Wednesdays at 6 pm**

The DVD chosen for this four-week series is "Eternity is Now in Session" with John Ortberg. Discussion will follow each week, and we'll meet in the conference room next to the Fellowship Hall. This series is also offered on Wednesday evenings, beginning with a supper at 6 pm. There is a poster with additional information in the gathering area. We would love to have you join us. Attendance at all four weeks will not be required to be inspired by each week's presentation.

### **Youth Choir Continues Today**

Continuing today, St. John's is offering a new opportunity for children to participate in a youth choir. Rehearsals are held on Sundays in the sanctuary from 11:00 to 11:30 am, and the group will perform once or twice per season. Any children who enjoy music or singing are encouraged to participate. No experience is required - all are welcome! Please contact the music director, Luke Duroc-Danner, for any questions or to express interest ([luke@stjohnswilmette.com](mailto:luke@stjohnswilmette.com)).

### **Confirmation & High School Youth Group**

This year, St. John's is joining with other Lutheran churches in the area (Immanuel Evanston, Grace Evanston, St. Timothy's Skokie) for a joint Confirmation program and a Joint High School Youth Group.

Both groups have their second meeting today at Immanuel Lutheran in Evanston from 12:30-2 pm. If you would like to volunteer to help with either of these groups by providing lunch, doing clean-up, or being an assistant, please let Pastor Allison know!

### **Bible Study**

Bible Study has resumed meeting on Tuesdays at 11 am in person at St. John's. All are welcome to join us for prayer, study, and camaraderie.

### **Support your Church Family by Hosting Coffee Hour**

We treasure the time to socialize after worship each Sunday, and we also welcome the opportunity to serve one another. To make coffee hour possible, one or two volunteers are needed to set up coffee, provide treats, and clean up each week. We ask that everyone sign up to host coffee hour at least one Sunday between now and the end of 2022. If you've never done it before, Jan will be happy to teach you. Thank you for your consideration!

### **CROP Hunger Walk**

There are two weeks until the North Shore Virtual CROP Walk, Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>! St. John's has traditionally taken part in this walk as a group when it used to be in-person. This year, you can support the cause by walking any day and donating online to show your commitment to ending hunger in our community and throughout the world. Donations can be made using the link in this week's Enewsletter.

### **Space Sharing**

Centered in the heart of Wilmette, we want to be a home for doing good. St. John's is a place where people can work together comfortably to help create a brighter future for all. Can you help spread the word that we are sharing our space? If you know people who need a space to work, throw a celebration, get married and more, please direct them to our website [stjohnswilmette.org](http://stjohnswilmette.org) or the link provided in your Enewsletter.

### **Support St. John's through your Online Purchases**

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## THIS WEEK'S BIBLE STORY

Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29

<sup>5</sup>When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed toward the people, and they said, "What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?" <sup>6</sup>So he had his chariot made ready, and took his army with him; <sup>7</sup>he took six hundred picked chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them.

<sup>10</sup>As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to Yahweh. <sup>11</sup>They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? <sup>12</sup>Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." <sup>13</sup>But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that Yahweh will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. <sup>14</sup>God will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

<sup>21</sup>Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. God drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup>The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. <sup>23</sup>The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. <sup>24</sup>At the morning watch, Yahweh in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. <sup>25</sup>God clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for Yahweh is fighting for them against Egypt."

<sup>26</sup>Then God said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." <sup>27</sup>So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, Yahweh tossed the Egyptians into the sea. <sup>28</sup>The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. <sup>29</sup>But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Word of God, word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**