

# 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, October 13, 2024

9:30 AM

## PRELUDE

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

arr. Brent Edstrom

## + Gathering +

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The congregation may stand.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly  
love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together  
with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your  
hearts through faith.  
**Amen.**

## Faith Begins By Letting Go



1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,  
 2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - ry's roots a - live  
 3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:  
 so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,  
 shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.  
 not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.  
 till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

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## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

**Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

**+ Word +**

## READING

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

A reading from Job

<sup>1</sup>Job answered his friend:

<sup>2</sup>“Today also my complaint is bitter;  
 God's hand is heavy despite my groaning.

<sup>3</sup>Oh, that I knew where I might find him,  
that I might come even to his dwelling!  
<sup>4</sup>I would lay my case before him,  
and fill my mouth with arguments.  
<sup>5</sup>I would learn what he would answer me,  
and understand what he would say to me.  
<sup>6</sup>Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?  
No; but he would give heed to me.  
<sup>7</sup>There an upright person could reason with him,  
and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.

<sup>8</sup>“If I go forward, he is not there;  
or backward, I cannot perceive him;  
<sup>9</sup>on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;  
I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.  
<sup>16</sup>God has made my heart faint;  
the Almighty has terrified me;  
<sup>17</sup>If only I could vanish in darkness,  
and thick darkness would cover my face!”

## PSALM

Psalm 90:12-17  
*Read responsively*

<sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.  
<sup>13</sup>**Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry?  
Be gracious to your servants.**  
<sup>14</sup>Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.  
<sup>15</sup>**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us  
and as many years as we suffered adversity.**  
<sup>16</sup>Show your servants your works,  
and your splendor to their children.  
<sup>17</sup>**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;  
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

## READING

Hebrews 4:12-16

A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>2</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The congregation may stand.*



## GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-31

The gospel according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup>As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup>He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## HOMILY

*The congregation may be seated.*  
Vicar Alex Linn

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*The congregation may stand.*  
Take My Life, That I May Be (ELW 583)

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the 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

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.  
You may assume a posture of prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Sustaining God, as we approach harvest time, we pray for farmers, field workers, and those who process crops. Keep us mindful of environmental threats to the nourishing food that feeds the world. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, that all may live in peace. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, and lonely. Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it today. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Generous God, we give thanks for the first nations and tribes who inhabited this land, My-amia, Ho-Chunk, Po-tawat-omi, Kick-a-poo, and Peoria. We lament the harm done by colonization. Call us to deeper appreciation and care for the languages, rituals, and history of all Indigenous people. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Ever-living God, we rejoice to be heirs of the eternal life made real in Jesus' death and resurrection. We give thanks for saints of all times and places, first and last, who still inspire us to faithful living. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.  
**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.*

*The congregation may be seated.*

**+ Meal +**

## OFFERTORY

*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 by scanning the QR code. Thank you for your generosity!*



Biblical Songs op. 99 VII. Oh Lord Have Mercy and Turn Thou Thy Face to Me - Dvořák

## OFFERTORY VERSE

*The congregation may stand*



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 the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**Blessed are you, O God,**

**source of every gift of your creation.**

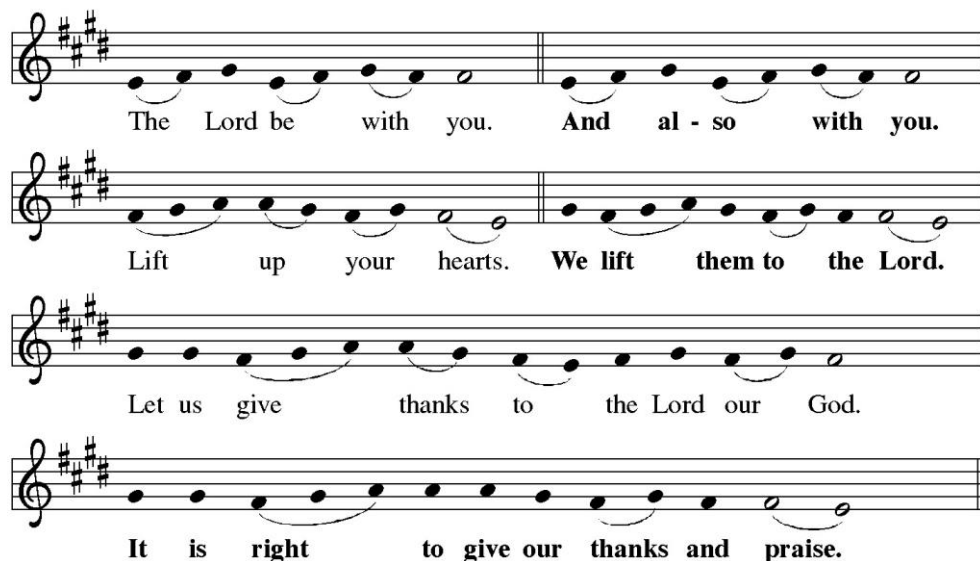
**By these gifts and with our lives,**

**help us to serve one another and all in need,**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## DIALOGUE AND GREAT THANKSGIVING



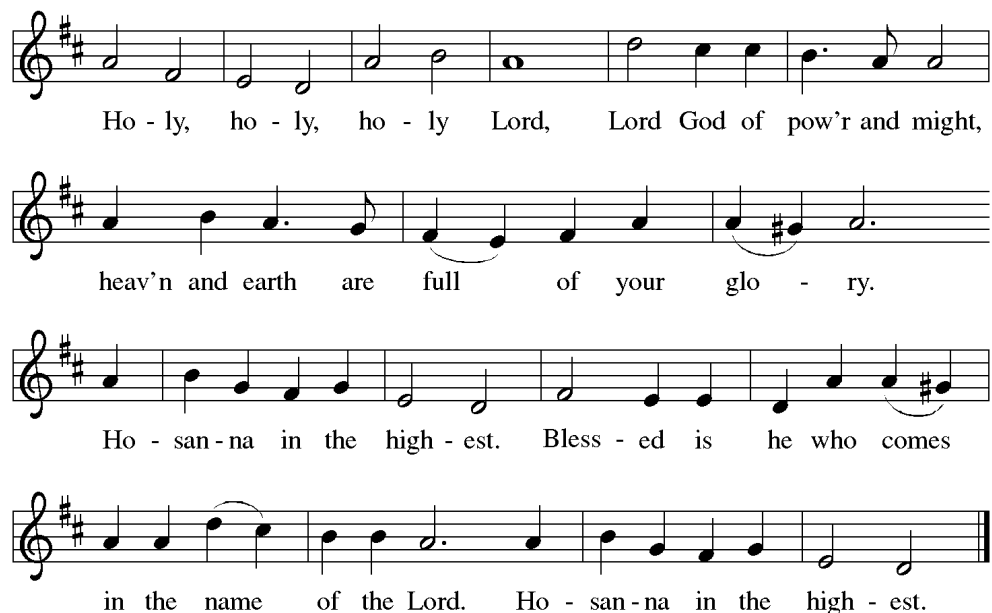
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

## PROPER PREFACE AND SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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.

... to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us in the many and varied languages we hold dear...

**Our God in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom 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 kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION

*The congregation may be seated.*

*All are welcome to commune at Christ's table without exception! Please proceed down the center aisle at the direction of an usher. You may receive bread or request a gluten-free wafer. Please take a glass of wine (dark colored) or a glass of grape juice (light colored). After drinking, please place your empty glass in the basket before returning to your seat via the side aisle. 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.*

## 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.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

**Holy God,**

**you have welcomed us to this meal  
and fed us with dignity at your table.**

**Send us now to welcome others  
and to be at peace with one another,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

*The congregation may stand.*

**+ Sending +**

BENEDICTION

God all mighty, God most merciful

✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

**Amen.**

# SENDING HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory (ELW 705)



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

## DISMISSAL

The worship is over. Now let your service begin

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

Passacaglia from Suite no. 7 in g minor

Handel

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## SERVING TODAY

<i>Interim Minister:</i>	Vicar Alex Linn
<i>Director of Youth &amp; Families:</i>	Evergreen Edwards
<i>Director of Music:</i>	Luke Duroc-Danner
<i>Cantor:</i>	Angela De Venuto
<i>Worship Assistant:</i>	Chris Maglocchi
<i>Readers:</i>	Claire Radde, Jillian Radde
<i>Usher:</i>	Alan Swanson
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Cindi Rachowicz

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Family Promise**

Our final Family Promise host week for 2024 ends today. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to be dinner hosts and overnight hosts. Thank you also to those who provided snacks and other food. The families had a good week, and were very appreciative.

### **St. John's Financial Update**

Year to date we are doing better than budget and we have a slight surplus of \$1,410.

Why? Our expected pledges have come in faster than expected and we have spent less than expected on our building year to date – no change from last month!

	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budgeted</u>
Offerings	135,081	128,766
Other Revenue/Rent	<u>55,560</u>	<u>56,373</u>
Total Revenue	190,641	185,139
Total Expenses	<u>189,501</u>	<u>205,299</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	1,140	(20,159)

## IN OUR PRAYERS

- † Friend and business partner of Mylene Pollock who lives in Buncombe County, North Carolina, and everyone who has been affected by hurricane.
- † Marlene Leonard, recovering from throat cancer 9/25/24
- † Art Wise, recovering from knee replacement surgery
- † Family & friends of Rena Leinberger, wife of Karl and mother of Shayna, Brandon and Jordan, who passed away 4/26/24
- † Sandy Kaspar, sister of Bill Kaspar, recovering from abdominal surgery
- † Tom Fries, friend of Jim Dossa, cracked vertebrae
- † Family & friends of Lorraine Beutelspacher, who died 3/6/24
- † Buckley Crist
- † Family & friends of Peter Knobel, who died 1/13/24
- † Dottye Wolf, sister of Margye Smith
- † Family and Friends of Hing You Tam Siu, mother-in-law of Jim Dossa, who passed away
- † Margaux Tauszig, granddaughter of Wolf Peddinghaus
- † Karen Brunn, daughter of Dave & Lyn Brunn, recovering from spinal cord injury