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23rd Sunday After Pentecost

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: *God of Our Life, All-Glorious Lord*

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BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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L: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: 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.

C: Amen.

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for self-reflection

L: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage 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.

L: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

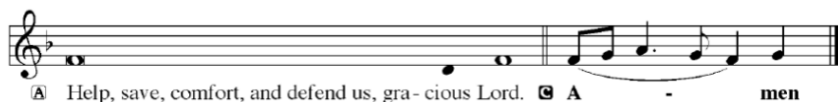
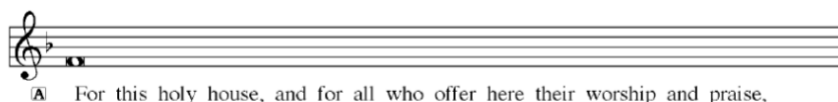
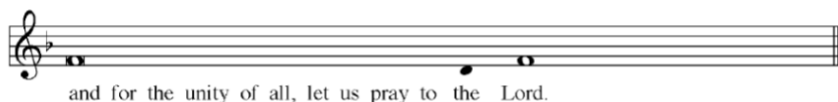
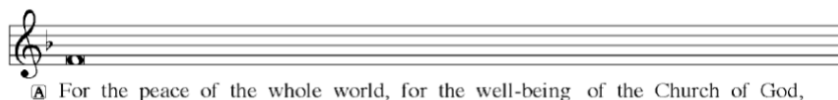
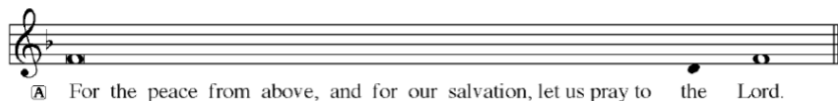
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L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE ("In peace let us pray to the Lord...")

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A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C 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-cieve 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.

SALUTATION



P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Lord God, rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit, that while keeping the end of all things in mind, we may be stirred up to holiness in this life and come to be with you forever in that life to come. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-6

L: The First Lesson is from the 4th chapter of Malachi.

4 See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. 2 But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. 3 And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts. 4 Remember the teaching of my servant Moses, the statutes and ordinances that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. 5 See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. 6 He will turn the hearts of parents to their children and the hearts of children to their parents, so that I will not come and strike the land with a curse.

PSALM 98

1 O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
have gotten him victory.

**2 The Lord has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

3 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.

**4 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

5 Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

**6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.**

7 Let the sea roar and all that fills it,
the world and those who live in it.

**8 Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy**

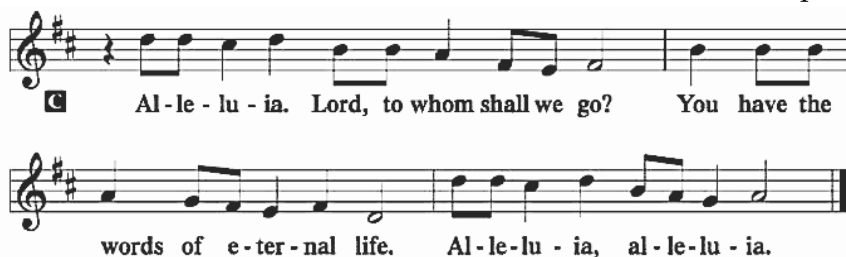
9 at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

L: The Second Lesson is from the 3rd chapter of 2 Thessalonians.

6 Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. 7 For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, 8 and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. 9 This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. 10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. 11 For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. 12 Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. 13 Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.



HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-28

L: The Holy Gospel according to St Luke, the 21st chapter.



5 When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 6 "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." 7 They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" 8 And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them." 9 "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." 10 Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; 11 there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven." 12 "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. 13 This will give you an opportunity to testify. 14 So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, 15 for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. 16 You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and

friends, and they will put some of you to death. 17 You will be hated by all because of my name. 18 But not a hair of your head will perish. 19 By your endurance you will gain your souls. 20 "When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. 21 Then those in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those inside the city must leave it, and those out in the country must not enter it, 22 for these are days of vengeance, as a fulfillment of all that is written. 23 Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress on the earth and wrath against this people; 24 they will fall by the edge of the sword and be taken away as captives among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled on by the nations, until the times of the nations are fulfilled. 25 "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. 26 People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

L: The gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Pastor Ann Auten

"Doom and Gloom...or Righteousness and Everlasting Life?"

SONG AFTER SERMON: *Hope Of The Nations*

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**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,**

maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became Incarnate from the Virgin Mary
and was made man
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his Kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life, who proceeds from the Father
and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped
and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian the Apostolic
Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and
the life of the world to come Amen

NEW MEMBER INSTALLATION: Bruce Seems

Council President: We are here this morning to welcome a new member into our community of St. John Lutheran Church. We are not a building, but the gathered family of God. We are brothers and sisters in Christ, given this new identity through our baptism into Jesus' death and resurrection. Today we welcome Bruce Seems as a member of this family in the larger body of Christ. And so we ask, do you desire to join the membership of St. John Lutheran Church? If so please answer: "I do."

R: I do.

Pastor: Having together confessed our faith in the Triune God, we now welcome you into the family of our congregation and into the ministry of the church. As active followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to spread his Good News. We encourage you to accept that call through your involvement in the church.

C: We welcome you as a brother in Christ, and thank God for this unique opportunity to serve God and one another. May the God to whom we belong equip us for every good work that we do together in his name.

New Member: I welcome and accept your invitation and commit myself to using my time and talents for the good of the congregation. I will strive to live a life worthy of the title "Christian" and I will work with you to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, as you call Bruce Seems to fish for people, so you have called us to serve you with our own talents and resources. We thank you for bringing to us this new member of St. John's Lutheran Church. You have told us that wherever two or more are gathered in your name, there you are with them. Help us, we pray, to see and feel that presence and that others may come to know you through their interactions with us.

All: Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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L: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

L: Lord, in your mercy

C: hear our prayer.

L: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

RECEIVE OFFERING

OFFERTORY



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.

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray,

C: Father, we come before you with joyful hearts, eager to give back a portion of what you have given us. May our tithes be a blessing to others as they have been to us. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The musical score is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff continues the melody and lyrics: 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff continues: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff concludes with: 'It is right to give him thanks and praise.' The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines.

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

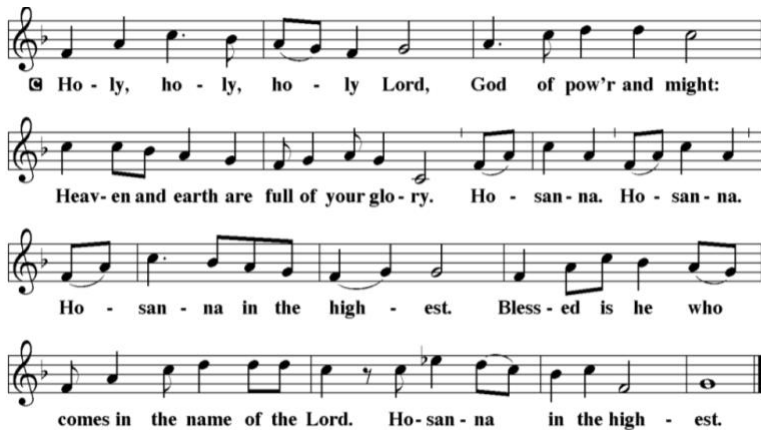
C Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

C Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

L: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

L: 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

C: 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

COMMUNION

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

10,000 Reasons

New Name Written Down in Glory

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

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G Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

BENEDICTION & AMEN

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L: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord made his face shine on you
And be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN: *Soon and Very Soon / Amen, Amen Medley*

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Anything is a gift and can be used in the Food Pantry. Enjoy giving what items you feel would be helpful.

Today - Women's Annual Meeting after Church

Nov. 23rd - Last Thank Offering for this Year! Bring your jars!

Nov. 30th - 5th Sunday Meal and Christmas Bingo after church.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 17th @ 2:00 pm Women's Bible Study

Nov. 18th @ 10:30 pm Tuesday Bible Study at Sun Porch/SCHR

@ 6:30 pm 2nd Peter Bible Study

Nov. 19th @ 9:00 am – Morning Circle

@ 9:00 am - 12:00 am - Pastor's Office Hours

@ Noon - Bulletin Deadline

@ 6:00 pm - Confirmation Class

Nov.20th @ 1:30 pm - Bible Study at Sunporch Assisted Living

Nov.22nd @ 9:00 am - Work Day

Scriptures: Nov. 23rd

First Reading: Malachi 3:13-18

Psalms 95:1-7a

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-12

Gospel Reading: Luke 23:27-43

Sermon Title: "King Jesus, Remember Me"