

# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*September 10, 2023*

Christ's blessings to all! **To our visitors**, we rejoice to have you gathered together with us in our Lord's House this day & look forward to having you with us again. If you are searching for a Church home, **please introduce yourself to Pastor** afterwards, or indicate such together **with your contact information** in the red 'Fellowship Booklets' located in each pew.

### **The Order of Service without Holy Communion**

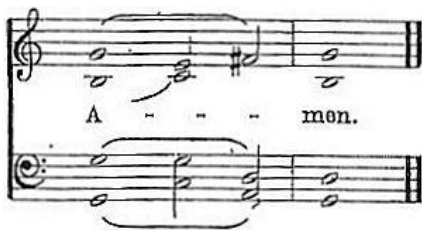
#### **Prelude**

#### **Hymn – #449**

"My Soul, Be on Thy Guard"

#### **Invocation:**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.



#### **The Confession of Sins:**

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

V: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R: Who made heaven and earth.

V: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord

R: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the sons of God and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord, unto us all.

R: A - - - men.

**Introit:** Ps. 92:1-4; antiphon: Ps. 92:5

*How great are your works, O LORD!*

*Your thoughts are very deep!*

**It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;**

*to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night,  
to the music of the lute and the harp,  
to the melody of the lyre.*

*For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;  
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.*

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*How great are your works, O LORD!  
Your thoughts are very deep!*

### Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The musical score for Gloria Patri is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen."

### Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical score for Kyrie is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us."

### The Gloria in Excelsis

Y: Glory be to God on high: H: And on earth peace; good will toward

The musical score for The Gloria in Excelsis is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a single system of music with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Y: Glory be to God on high: H: And on earth peace; good will toward"

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

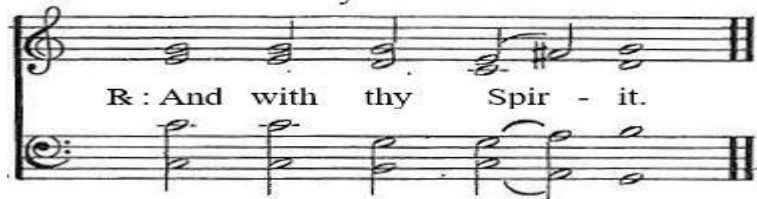
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up - on us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



**The Salutation:**

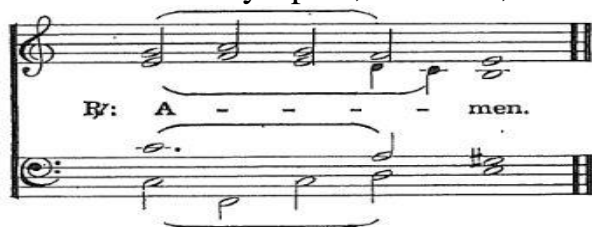
*V:* The Lord be with you.



Let us pray.

**The Collect for The Day:**

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**The Catechism Review – The Lord’s Prayer**

*What is The Fourth Petition?*

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

*What does this mean?* God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

*What is meant by daily bread?* Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

### The Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-10

<sup>7</sup>“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

### The Epistle: Romans 13:1-10

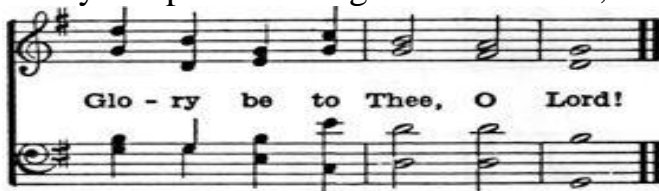
<sup>1</sup>Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup>Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup>For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, <sup>4</sup>for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup>Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. <sup>6</sup>For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. <sup>7</sup>Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.



### Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:1-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.



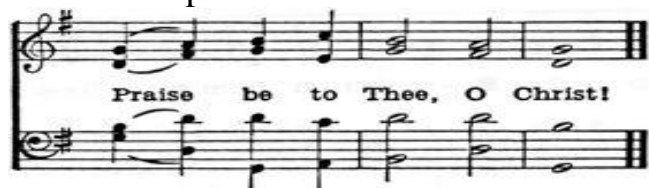
<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” <sup>2</sup>And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup>and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>5</sup>“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup>but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

<sup>7</sup>“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! <sup>8</sup>And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. <sup>9</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

<sup>10</sup>“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>For the Son of Man came to save the lost. <sup>12</sup>What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? <sup>13</sup>And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. <sup>14</sup>So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

<sup>15</sup>“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup>But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**The Apostles' Creed:**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified,**

dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

**Sermon Hymn: #446**

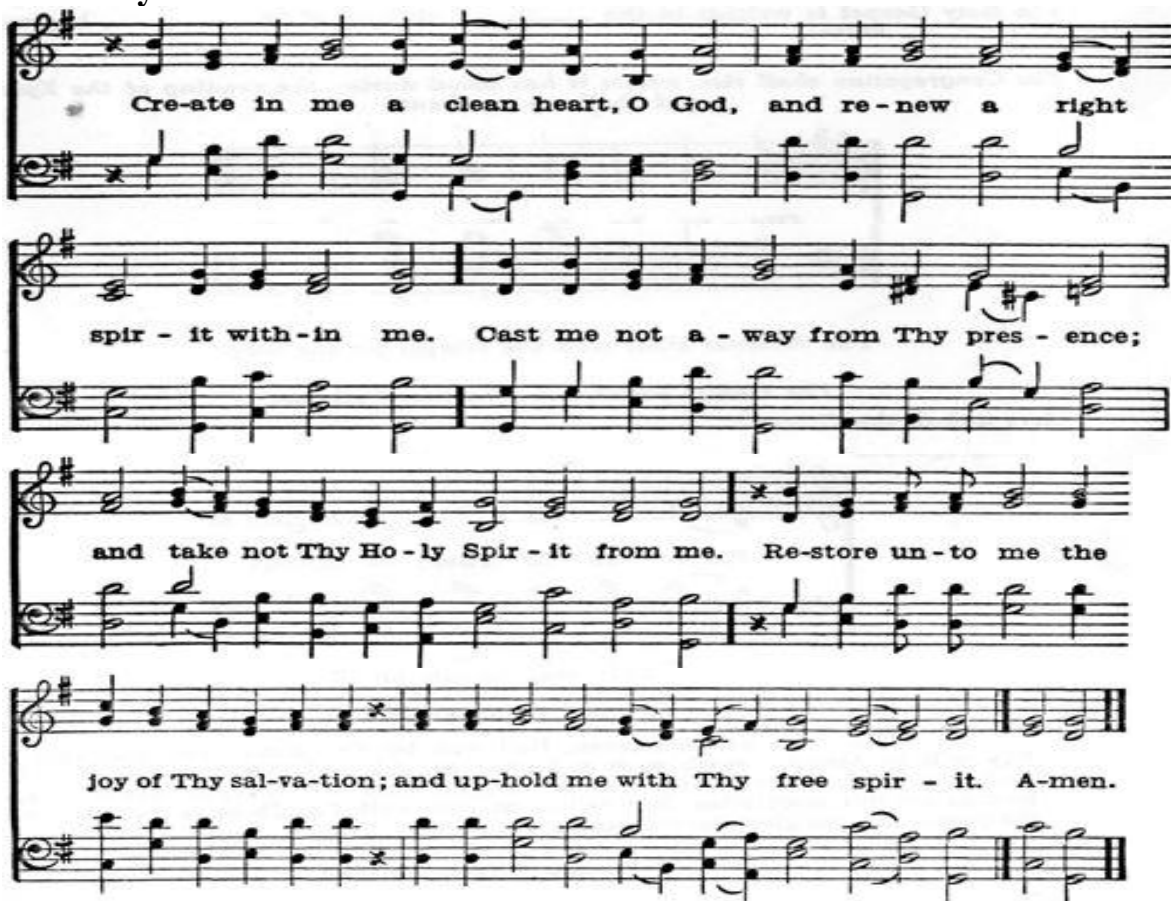
“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”

**Sermon: “Avoid Stumbling Blocks, and Enter Life!”**

**Matthew 18:7-9**

- I. Avoid stumbling blocks to faith at all costs.
- II. Jesus grants entrance into life for all who abide in faith.

**Offertory**



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir - it with-in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence;  
and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un-to me the  
joy of Thy sal-va-tion; and up-hold me with Thy free spir - it. A-men.

**The Offering**

**The General Prayer**



**Hymn: #331**

“Yea, as I Live, Jehovah Saith”

**The Collect for the Word / Church** (*stand*)

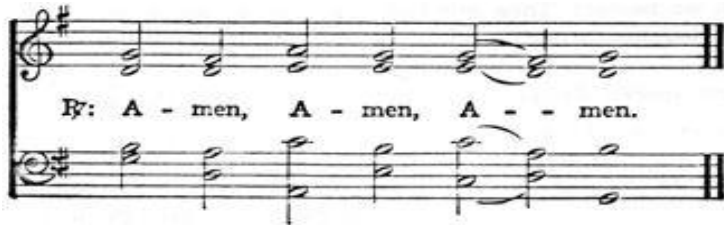


**The Benediction**

The Lord bless thee and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.



**Closing Hymn: #516**

“In the Hour of Trial”

**Silent Prayer & Postlude**

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**DAILY READINGS:** September 10: 2 Kings 9:1–13; 10:18–29; Phil. 2:12–30; 11: 2 Chron. 29:1–24; Phil. 3:1–21; 12: 2 Chron. 31:1–21; Phil. 4:1–23; 13: 2 Chron. 32:1–22; Col. 1:1–23; 14: 2 Chron. 33:1–25; Col. 1:24–2:7; 15: 2 Chron. 34:1–4, 8–11, 14–33; Col. 2:8–23; 16: 2 Chron. 35:1–7, 16–25; Col. 3:1–25.

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