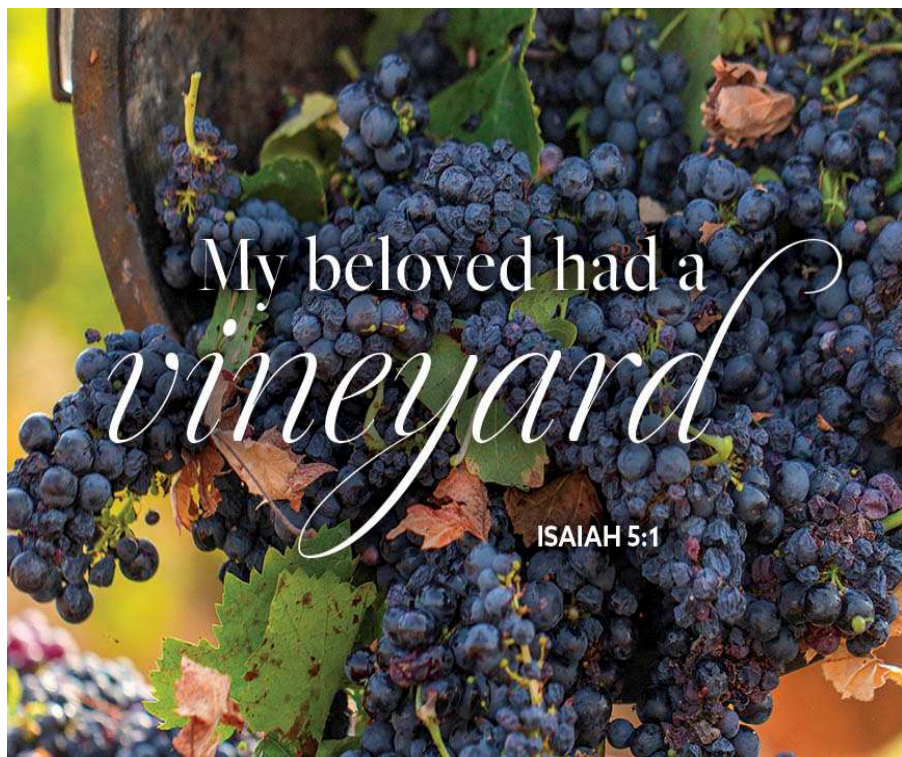




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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Leader: People of St. John, what is our purpose?

All: To live for the Lord who made us, to love as Jesus taught us, and to serve where the Spirit leads us.

Prelude

+ Confession and Forgiveness

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen**

P 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**

P 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.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P 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**

P 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.

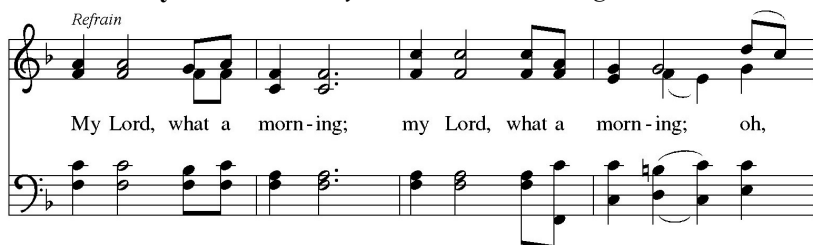
C **Amen**

+ Entrance Hymn

My Lord, What a Morning

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Refrain



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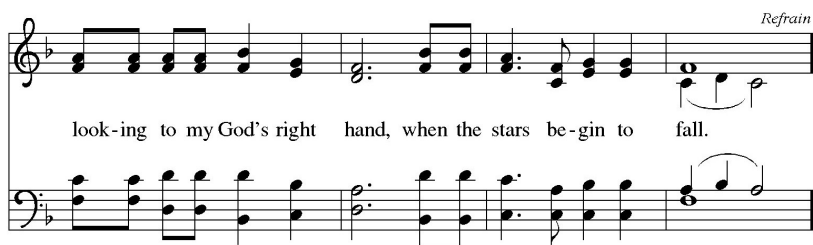


my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.



1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,
2 You will hear the sin-ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,
3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,

Refrain



look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

+ Apostolic Greeting

P 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.**

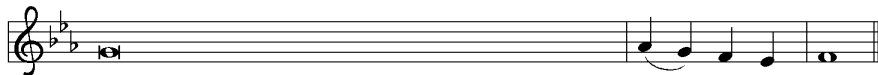
+ **Kyrie**(Luke 17:13)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



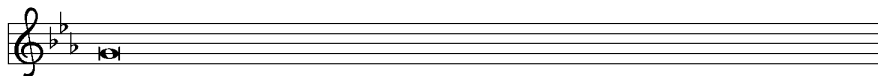
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



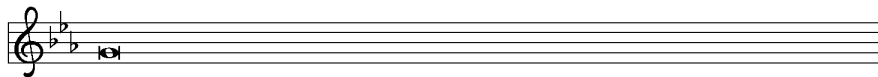
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

+Hymn of Praise*Glory to God*

Luke 2:14, John 1:29 & Rev. 15:4

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, 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. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

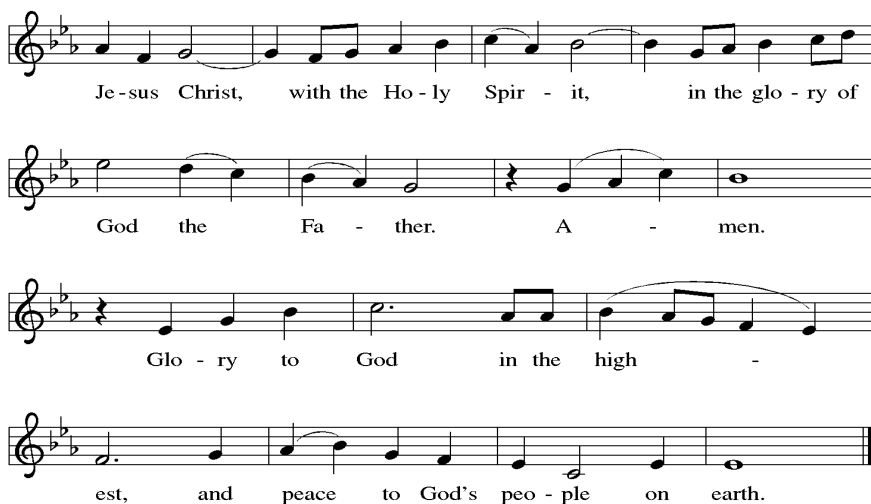
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -

lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

The musical score is written on ten staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests. There are several slurs and ties used to connect notes across measures.



+ Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. . . Beloved God, from you come all things that are good.

Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Children's Sermon

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

¹ I will sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

² He dug it and cleared it of stones
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded rotten grapes.

³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield rotten grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,

and it shall be devoured;
 I will break down its wall,
 and it shall be trampled down.
⁶ I will make it a wasteland;
 it shall not be pruned or hoed,
 and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
 I will also command the clouds
 that they rain no rain upon it.
⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
 is the house of Israel,
 and the people of Judah
 are his cherished garden;
 he expected justice
 but saw bloodshed;
 righteousness
 but heard a cry!

Psalm: 80:7-15

P ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;
 let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
 C **You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
 you cast out the nations and planted it.**
 P ⁹ You cleared the ground for it;
 it took root and filled the land.
 C ¹⁰ **The mountains were covered by its shadow
 and the towering cedar tree by its boughs.**
 P ¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils to the sea
 and its branches to the river.
 C ¹² **Why have you broken down its wall,
 so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**
 P ¹³ The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
 and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
 C ¹⁴ **Turn now, O God of hosts,
 look down from heaven;**
 P ¹⁵ behold and tend this vine;
 preserve what your right hand has planted.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

+ Alleluia Verse

John 6:68

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

+ The Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 21st chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord’s doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes’?”

⁴³“Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

Giving Good Grapes

Pastor Jordan

Silence For Reflection

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
 3 Hearts still are bruised and dead, and homes are bare and cold,
 4 To com - fort and to bless, to find a balm for woe,

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first-fruits give.
 and lambs for whom the Shep - herd bled are stray - ing from the fold.
 to tend those lost in lone - li - ness, is an - gels' work be - low.

5 The captive to release,
 the lost to God to bring,
 to teach the way of life and peace—
 it is a Christlike thing.

6 And we believe thy word,
 though dim our faith may be:
 whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,
 we do it unto thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: HEATH, Mason and Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

+ THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P Let us pray.

P Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

P God of every generation, we give thanks for all who have sought to renew and transform your holy church (*especially Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society*). Inspire us to follow their example in our own day. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P God of every creature, bless and protect the earth and all those who dwell within it. We give thanks for those who have helped us to see your Spirit in creation (*especially Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church*). Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P God of every tribe and nation, restore peace to the world's conflict zones (*regions in crisis may be named*), and shelter those who live within them. We pray especially for the safety of displaced people and refugees. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P God of every comfort, you made us in your own image. Grant healing and relief to all who are sick or suffering (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P God of every truth, you draw us nearer to you through your holy word. We give thanks for teachers of the faith (*congregational formation ministries may be named*). Fill their hearts with your Spirit, that they inspire others with your truth. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P God of every soul, you are the one who calls us home. We give thanks for all the saints who have been restored to perfect unity with you (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Grant Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ The Peace

[shared among the congregation]

P The peace of the Lord be with you always

C **And also with you.**

The minister and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Peace be with you

R Peace be with you.

Parish Announcements

Offering

+ **Offertory** *Let the Vineyards be Fruitful* 1 Corinthians 10:16 & John :35



The musical score is written on six staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The text is: "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." The score ends with a double bar line.

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.

+ **The Prayer**

- P Let us pray. Merciful Father,
C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us,
ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious
love. Receive them for the sake of him who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen

+ The 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.

P 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:

Isaiah 6:3 & Matthew 21:9

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.

Matthew 26:26-28, Luke 22:17-20
Mark 14:22-24, 1Corinthians 11:23-26

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him
should not perish but have eternal life.
We give thanks to you
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

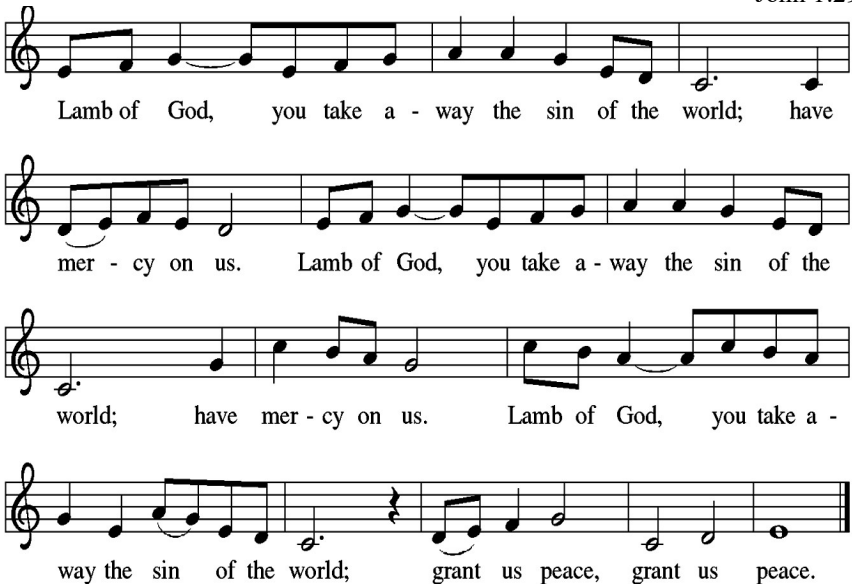
P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

+The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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



The Holy Communion

As the minister gives the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:

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

The communicant may say: **Amen**

Music during the Communion.

Stand

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen**

+ Post-Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord



☐ 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.

+ Post Communion Prayer

Romans 5:5

P Let us pray. 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.

C Amen

+ The Benediction

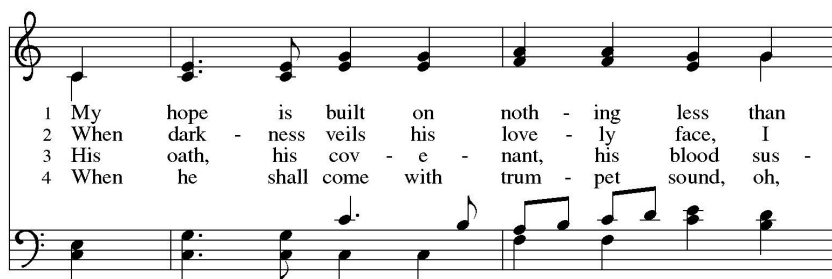
Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
+In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

+ Closing Hymn

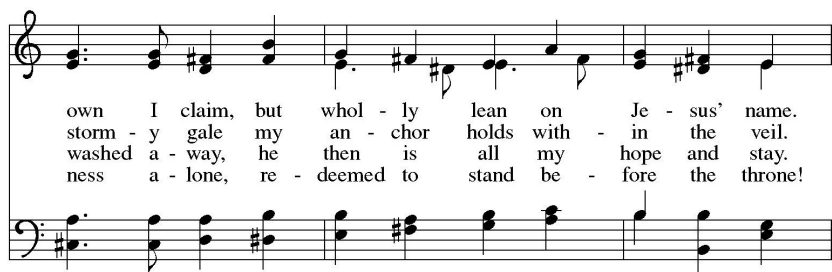
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less #294



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood, sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

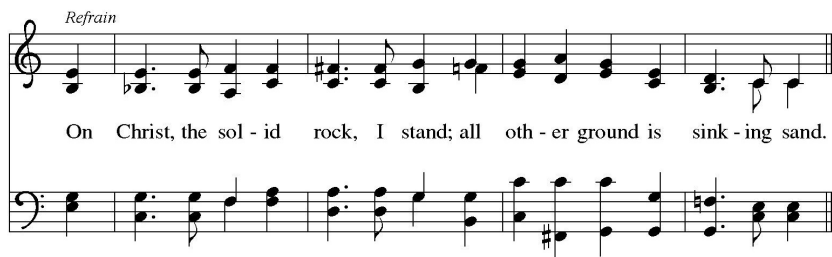


Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.
Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

+ Dismissal

P Go in peace.
Children Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

+Stand as you are able

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Rick Williams

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH. We are pleased you are here. If you are visiting with us this morning, please sign our guest book in the entrance area. We hope you will join us again very soon.

THIS MORNING WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION. St John observes open communion. Christians of all Churches and all denominations are invited and encouraged to join us at our Lord's table. Grape juice is offered as an alternative to wine for those who wish it. Young children who have not yet gone through Preparation for Communion may be brought forward for a blessing.

These are the words of Martin Luther from The Small Catechism:

*The benefits of this sacrament are pointed out by the words, **given and shed for you for the remission of sins.** The words assure us that in the sacrament we receive forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation. It is not eating and drinking that does this, but the words, **given and shed for you for the remission of sins.** These words, along with eating and drinking, are the main thing in the sacrament. And whoever believes these words has exactly what they say, forgiveness of sins.*

LET US PRAY FOR: Dale Ramey, Emily Smith, Peggy Butler, Roberta Sommer, Patricia Cavendish, Jim Skipworth, Galen Gleim, Grace Mootz, Marcella Mootz, Kay Staker, Linda Martin, Melanie Hawk, Nicholas Young, Rod Schneider, Brenda Moore, Ken Staker, Greg Piguet, Mary McQuay, Chris Parish, Luke White, Jack Clevenger, Bob Rase, Glenn Rase, Jim Webb, Dennis Klaiber, Cheryl Crank, Shanna Garrett, Belford Sexson, Linda Sexson, Derrick Gleim, Dorrita Gleim, Mackenzie Gleim, Owen Wilburn, Wendi Waugh, Carol Easter, David Otworth, Ed Hughes, Brandon Cline, Colton Snyder, Deacan Kidd, Paul Christian, Amanda Eaton, Terry Mullins, John Crank, Congregation of the Mountain Church in Asmushausen, Germany, the members of our armed forces, and those we hold privately in our hearts

CHOIR will practice each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY meets each Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

JOIN PASTOR TIM for Coffee Hour on October 10 at 10:30 a.m. at Adam's Flying Pig.

JOIN US EACH SUNDAY MORNING for Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

THEIR WILL BE A special congregational meeting on October 11 immediately following worship to vote on replacing the roof of the parsonage.

ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 St. John will be joining St. Paul and Bethel for Reformation Service at St. Paul in Ironton at 10:30 a.m. There will be a German luncheon after worship. You are invited to bring a dish to share. There will be no worship service at St. John that Sunday.

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to Pastor Marty Francis on the death of his sister, Judy Buknis. May God comfort him in his loss and ease his heart with hope in Christ's promises of resurrection and reunion. Pastor Marty's address is 1021 Georgia Rd., Circleville, OH 43113.

THE CONGREGATION IS invited to the 85th Birthday party for Sonny Mullins at Ollies in Portsmouth at 3:00 p.m. on October 11.

CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS: Cheyenne Otworth, Sonny Mullins

BAPTISMS: Shaina Elrod, Matt Floyd, Lacy Hunt, Seth Odle, Tom Bradley, Sam Tieman, Jill Cline

ANNIVERSARIES: Josh & Adair Mercer, Christopher & Hailee Allen

IF WE MISSED ANYONE please let Vicki Bradley know so we can add you to the list.

Attendance

2026 Average	65
2025 Average	62

Serving Next Sunday, October 11

Organist	Leigh Ann Henry
Lay Reader	
Prayer Leader	Virginia Nickel
Greeter	
Acolytes	
Altar Committee	Amy Oakes, Jon Bailey
Council President	Rick Williams

Happening This Week at St. John

Today—Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship—*Holy Communion*

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Blanket Project

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday

10:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study

Saturday

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour with Pastor Tim at Adam's Flying Pig

Next Sunday—Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship—Honor Our First Responders

Upcoming Special Events

Sunday, October 11

Honoring Our First Responders

Saturday, October 17

Fall Festival at 4:00 p.m. at St. John

Friday, November 13

Game Night at 6:30 p.m. at St. John

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 p.m.