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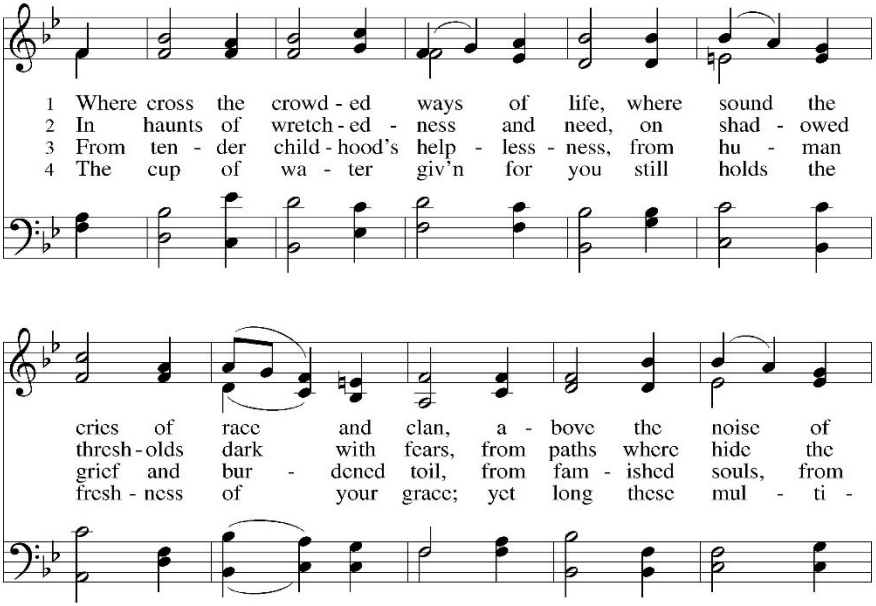
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Service of the Word

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

+ GATHERING SONG *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* **#429**





5 O Master, from the mountainside
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
oh, tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heav'n above
shall come the city of our God.

Text: Frank M. North, 1850–1935, alt.
Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

+ GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:13)

C And also with you.

P You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C a people holy to the Lord our God.

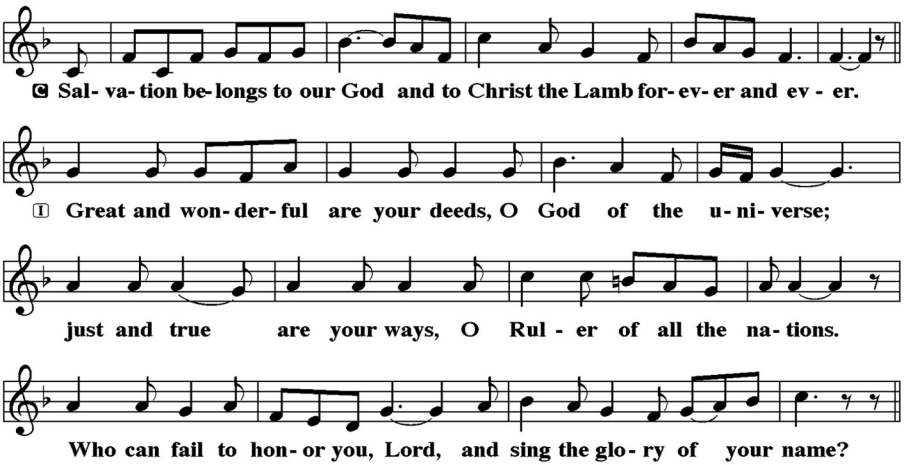
P Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children,

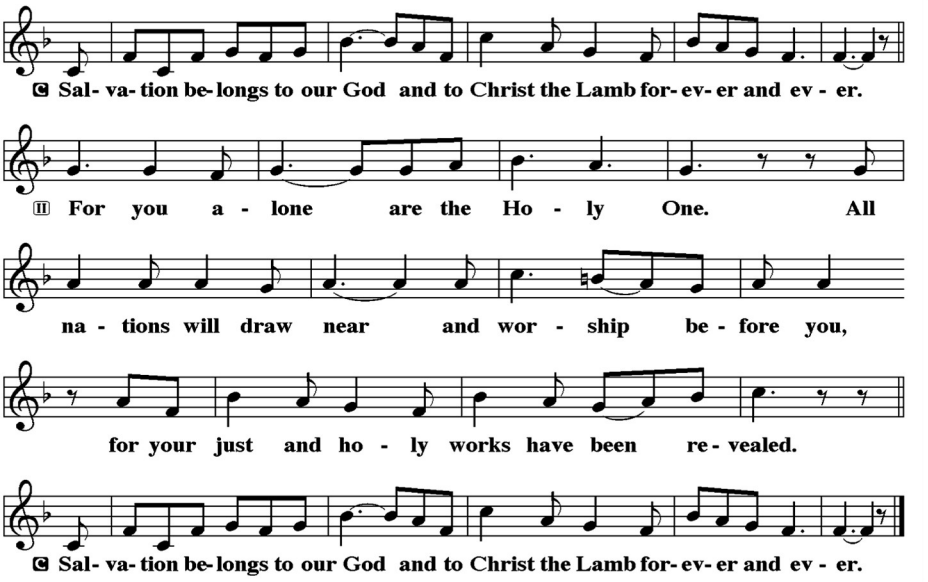
C Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

P One does not live by bread alone,

C but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

+ SCRIPTURE SONG





+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

C Let us pray. **O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM *Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace)*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

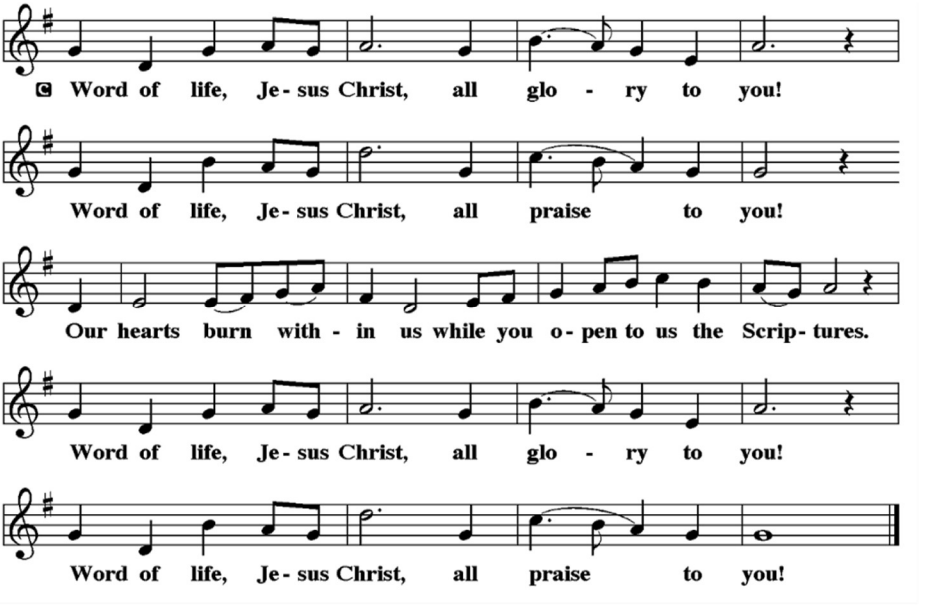
PSALM:70

P 1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.
C 2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced.
P 3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
C 4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the Lord!"
P 5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



+ THE GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 25th chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON **An Abundance of Oil and Water, Light and Justice** Pastor Jordan

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY *Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying* **#31**



Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt.
Music: WACHET AUF, Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608

+ RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION

P In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.
C **We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 1:13-14)**

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.*
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;
C pray in the Holy Spirit. (Jude 20)
P Keep yourselves in the love of God;
C look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Jude 21)
P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
C Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new! 2 Corinthians 5:17)
P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.
C Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Gracious God,
C have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
C Amen

+ THE PEACE

P Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. (2 Corinthians 13:11)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

The minister and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words:

Peace be with you.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

+ OFFERTORY



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510–1561

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray.

P God, our Creator,

C you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

+ THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

P You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
P You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
P You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict (*relief ministries or organizations may be named*). Uphold veterans and those who care for them. God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
P You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. (*We pray especially for . . .*) God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
P You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
P Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
C Amen.

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

+H0NORING OUR VETERANS

+ BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen



Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888
Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

+ DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

+Stand as you are able

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SERVING TODAY

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Lay Reader	Vicki Nye-Titus
Prayer Leader	Vicki Nye-Titus
Greeter	James & Kym Hayman
Acolytes	
Altar Committee	Joanne Oakes, Dené DeGonzague
Council President	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.

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, 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, Wendi Waugh, Carol Easter, David Otworth, Ed Hughes, Brandon Cline, Colton Snyder, Deacan Kidd, Paul Christian, Amanda Eaton, John Crank, Laura Martin, George Moore, Patricia Klaiber, Mike Mershon, 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.

WELCOME &WITNESS MEETING Thursday at 6:00p.m.

JOIN PASTOR TIM for Coffee Hour on November 14 at 10:30 a.m. at Adam's Flying Pig.

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

CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

***BIRTHDAYS*:** John Queen, Leslie Hunt, Alice Maggard, Reese Henry, Jerry Clevenger, Lori Oakes

***BAPTISMS*:** Audrey McGinnis, Jessica Odle, Ethan Mullins, Leigh Ann Henry, Lacy Stevenson, Olyvia Stevenson, Emmett Salyers, Kaci Jo Gleim, Lexy Gullett, Jodi Keaton, Chris Young

ANNIVERSARIES: Brian & Hayley Ramey

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, November 15

Organist	Leigh Ann Henry
Lay Reader	Amy Fraulini
Prayer Leader	Amy Fraulini
Greeter	
Acolytes	
Altar Committee	Joanne Oakes, Dené DeGonzague
Council President	Rick Williams

Happening This Week at St. John

Today—Twenty-fourth Sunday of Pentecost
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship—Honoring Our Veterans
- 11:00 a.m. Church Council Meeting

Wednesday
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday
- 10:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Welcome & Witness Meeting

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

Next Sunday— Twenty-fifth Sunday of Pentecost
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship—Holy Communion

Special Events This Week

Friday, November 13

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

Upcoming Special Events

Sunday, November 29

Healing Service

Sunday, December 6

Blessing of the Blankets
Church Council Meeting

Sunday, December 13

Annual Christmas Dinner followed by Caroling

Sunday, December 20

Children's Christmas Program

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 p.m.