

Welcome to
St. John's Lutheran Church



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

October 19, 2025

God's Work/Our Hands

St. John's Lutheran Church

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Since we have such a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus Christ our Lord, let us with confidence draw near to God, that we may receive mercy and find grace in time of need.

C Have mercy on us, O God, according to your lovingkindness. In your great mercy, wash away our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not remove us from your presence; do not take your Spirit away.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain us with your Spirit. Amen

P God is merciful and gracious, granting forgiveness through Jesus Christ to all who confess their sin. 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 sin, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Day by Day



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx-ious soul. Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you send me
wis-dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be-yond all
o'er the paths I strug-gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur-dens of my quest; Sav-ior,
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav-ior,
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav-ior,



lead me to the home I trea-sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor-row till in glo - ry I be-hold your face.
with your pres-ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom-ised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936-2005

Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813-1882

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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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All

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, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31

A reading from Genesis.

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

²² The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female slaves, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then the man said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked the man, "Please tell me your name." But the man said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there the man blessed Jacob. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 121

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
- ² **My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.**
- ³ The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.
- ⁴ **Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;**
- ⁵ the LORD watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
- ⁶ **the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**
- ⁷ The LORD will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.
- ⁸ **The LORD will watch over your going out and your
coming in, from this time forth forevermore.**

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

A reading from 2 Timothy.

The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1} In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of Christ's appearing and his dominion, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Word of God, word of life.

☒ Thanks be to God.

Stand for Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

P The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

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

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴ For a while the judge refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to God's own elect who are crying out day and night? Will God delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, God will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son-of-Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

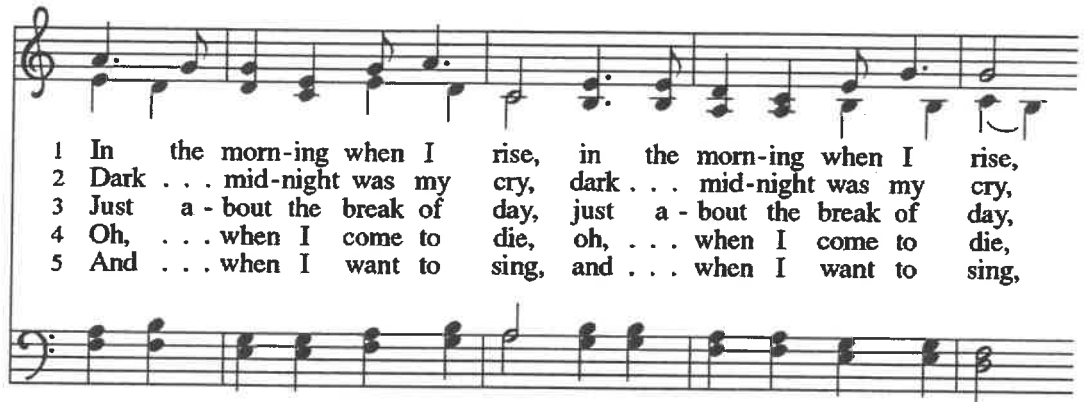
P The gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit for Sermon

Stand for Hymn of the Day

Give Me Jesus



1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
 2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
 3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
 4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
 5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
 dark . . . mid-night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
 just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
 oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
 and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

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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.**

THE PRAYERS

**[P] God of grace,
[C] receive our prayer.**

PEACE

**[P] The peace of Christ be with you always.
[C] And also with you.**

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song



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 dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

DIALOGUE

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#), indicating G major. The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes with slurs. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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.

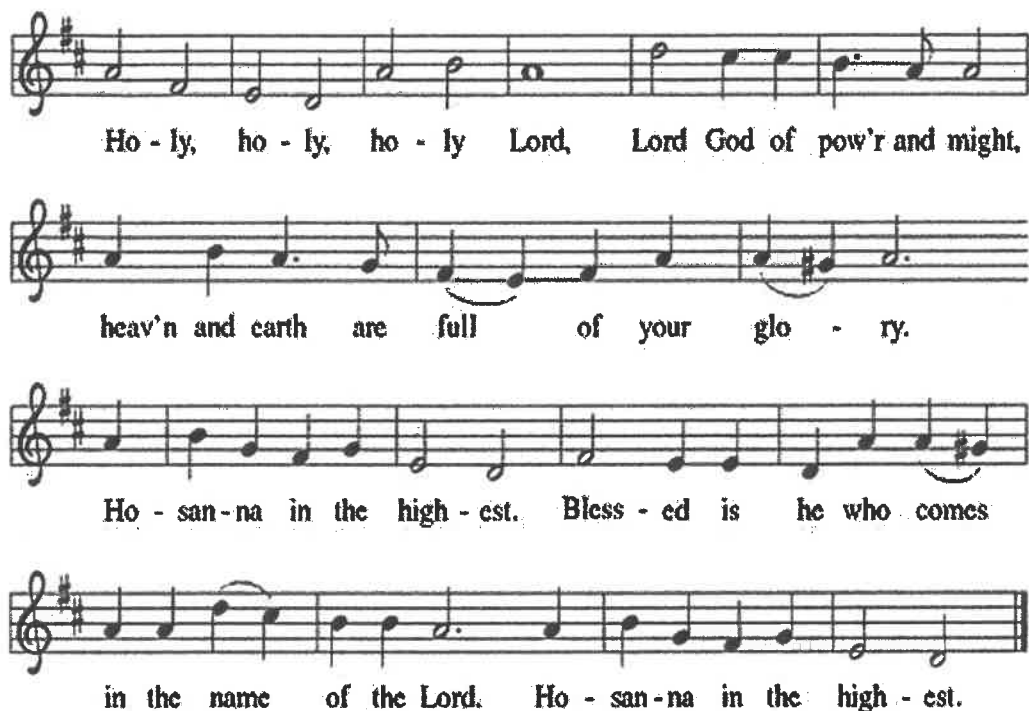
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE PASTOR ONLY

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al-mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resur-rec - tion
opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn.

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HOLY HOLY



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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
the promise to Israel,
the rescue from Egypt,
the gift of the promised land,
the words of the prophets;
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

(cont'd)

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high
priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.
Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught
us. (cont'd)

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 FRACTION

☐ "Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed once
 for all upon the Cross".

☑ "Therefore, let us keep the Feast. Alleluia".

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.



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

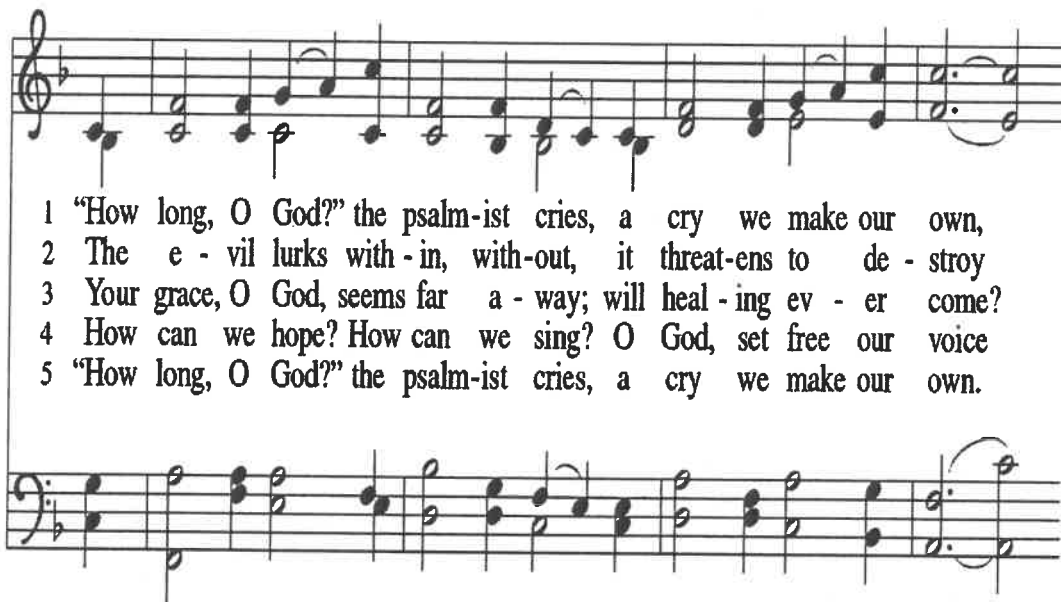


mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

How Long, O God



1 "How long, O God?" the psalm-ist cries, a cry we make our own,
2 The e - vil lurks with - in, with-out, it threat-ens to de - stroy
3 Your grace, O God, seems far a - way; will heal - ing ev - er come?
4 How can we hope? How can we sing? O God, set free our voice
5 "How long, O God?" the psalm-ist cries, a cry we make our own.



for we are lost, a - lone, a - fraid, and far a - way from home.
the frag - ile cords that make us one, that bind our hearts in joy.
Our bro - ken lives lie bro - ken still; will night give way to dawn?
to name the sor - rows, name the pain, that we might yet re - joice.
Though we are lost, a - lone, a - fraid, our God will lead us home.

Text: Ralph F. Smith, 1950-1994

Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional; arr. hymnal version

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POST COMMUNION DISMISSAL

P Now may the Body and Blood of our Lord Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

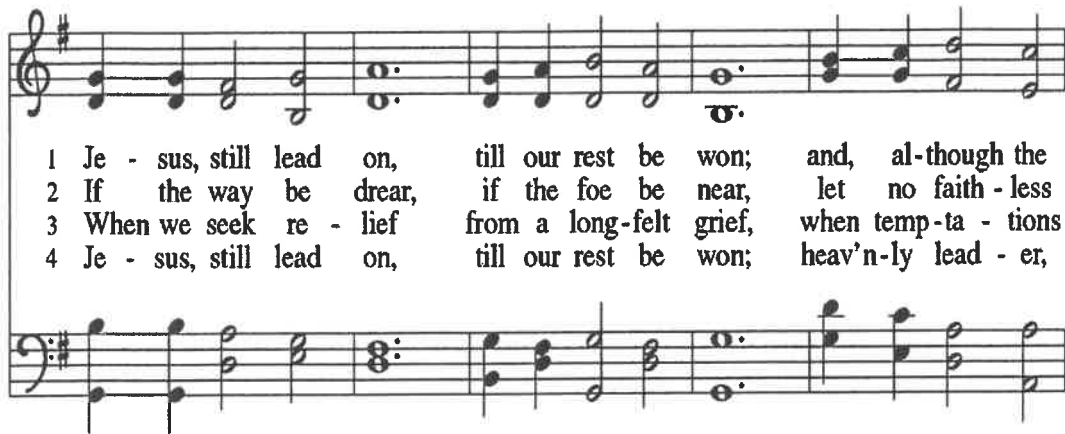
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

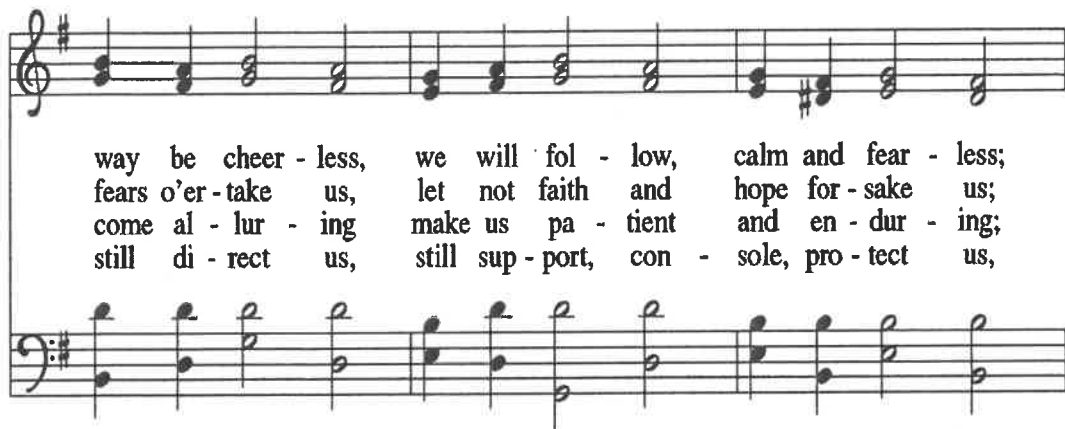
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

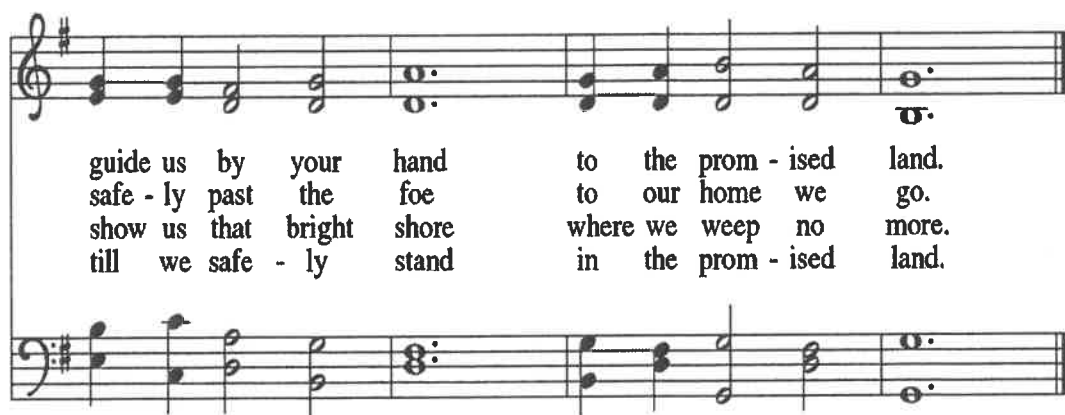
Jesus, Still Lead On



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al-though the
 2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
 3 When we seek re - lief from a long-felt grief, when temp-ta - tions
 4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n-ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
 fears o'er-take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
 come al - lur - ing, make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
 still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
 safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
 show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
 till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

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 Music: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM, Adam Drese, 1620–1701

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C Thanks be to God.

DEAR FRIENDS & MEMBERS, In an effort to have our prayer list as current and as accurate as possible, please indicate whether or not you would like to have a name continue to be included. Thank you!

Eric Alber Michelle Bahlavooni * Dan Comstock*
Derl Crawford John Curio* Diane Deptula *Ralph Evans*
David Ferro Carl Frank * Jennifer F.* Mary Faith Fisher*
*Adam Gajkowski * AJ Gunther* Jim Hess* Scott Hollenbach
Richard Huntington Joanne Johnson * Marlene Karchner *
*Dave Madara * Vinnie Moroney* Jan Peifer* Nelci Reid *
Henry Reinsburrow *Sheri Renner* Tom Termini* Mark Troup
* Marlene Trotman* *Melissa Waltman* *Kathy Whitesel *Ron
Wolfe* *Shirley Young* Jim Zeart*

THIS SUNDAY: OCTOBER 19, 2025

Outdoor Greeters : Paul & Wendy Zajac
Greeters & Ushers: Nate Johnson & Lance Miller
Lector: Paul Zajac
Communion Assistant: Emily Johnson
Altar Guild: Diane Young & Cindy Powlus
Offering Counters: Ryan Young, Nate Johnson & Lance Miller
Choir Director & Organist: Tenette Bogert

NEXT SUNDAY: OCTOBER 26, 2025

Outdoor Greeters : David & Karen Bird
Greeters & Ushers: Carolyn Bahlavooni & Bill Hower Jr
Lector: Loreen Comstock
Communion Assistant: Loreen Comstock
Altar Guild: Carolyn Bahlavooni & Vinniedee Hippensteel
Offering Counters: Janet Gibney & Sharon Bachman
Choir Director & Organist: Tenette Bogert

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God
by Barbara & Mark Yoder

In honor of our 35th wedding anniversary

Our Sanctuary Lamp this week burns to the Glory of God
by Barbara & Mark Yoder
in honor of our children Ben & Bryce

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCA & GIRL SCOUT PROJECT

We will be collecting some items to send to Camp Louise. The following items can be donated from **October 9th - October 30th**. Please place on table by baptismal font.

Individually wrapped toilet paper

Paper towels

Freezer or Regular Plastic Bags-qt, gal, or 2 1/2 gal(Dollar Tree)

Toilet Bowl Cleaner-crooked neck

Windex refillable bottle

BIBLE STUDY /CHOSEN

Thursday, October 23rd, Bible 1:00 PM /Chosen 2:00 PM.

BELLS/CHOIR

Thursday, October 23rd, Bells 3:30 PM / Choir 4:30 PM.

RAISE RIGHT

We are submitting orders on October 19th. We will continue to submit orders on the **first and third Sunday of every month** in anticipation of Christmas. If you do not see a store that you are interested in, please let us know and we will see if it can be added.

WELCOME TABLE

Upcoming meals will be held on **November 8th, and December 13th from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM.** We will again be giving Christmas cookie bags to our guests with their **December 13th** meal. Sign up sheets will be in the sanctuary.
Drop off times for donations will be **Thursdays before the meal from 3:30 to 4:30 PM and Saturday, the morning of, after 9:00 AM.**

TRUNK OR TREAT/MIFFLIN PARADE

Parade will take place this evening, at 6:00 PM starting at the Methodist Church and ending at the carnival grounds. Trunk or Treating will take place immediately after the parade. Those helping with the Trunk or Treat should be at the carnival grounds by 5:30 PM.

COUNCIL MEETING

Council will meet Tuesday, October 21st at 7:00 PM.

POLKA MASS

This years Polka Mass will take place on October 26th at 3:00 PM. Ethnic German Refreshments to follow.

FALL CHICKEN AND WAFFLE

Fall Chicken & Waffle will take place on Saturday, November 1st from 4:00 to 6:30 PM. Sign up Sheets are on the rear table of the sanctuary.

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Eucharist: 9:00 AM

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Monday, Oct 20, 2025

Office Hours

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Tuesday, Oct 21, 2025

Office Hours-Pastor in

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Council Meets

7:00 PM

Wednesday, Oct 22, 2025

Office Hours

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Thursday, Oct 23, 2025

Office Hours-Pastor in

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

BIBLE/CHOSEN

1:00 PM / 2:00 PM

BELLS/CHOIR

3:30 PM / 4:30 PM

Friday Oct 24, 2025

Office Closed

Saturday, Oct 25, 2025

Office closed

Sunday, Oct 26, 2025

Reformation

Polka Mass

3:00 PM

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Last Sunday Attendance : 35

Offering Amount Needed Weekly:

Current: \$1,557.00

Benevolence: \$122.00

New Building: \$333.00

Offering Amounts Received:

Current: \$ 1001.00

Benevolence: \$52.00

New Building: \$183.00

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