



St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



20th Sunday After Pentecost

October 2, 2016 10:30 Holy Communion

A little faith goes a long way is our Lord's point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in water and the word (holy baptism), bread and wine (holy communion), the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

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Welcome to worship today!

If you are visiting with us we invite you to sign the Guest Book in the back of the sanctuary.

Nursery care is available during the service. Please see one of the ushers if you need more information.

† GATHERING †

Prelude and Announcements

Gathering Hymn Open the Eyes of My Heart
(For music turn to Hymn 26 in the Songbook binder)

Chorus, Verse and Bridge are repeated however the musicians feel moved to play

Chorus **Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You,
I want to see You.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You,
I want to see You.**

Verse **To see you high and lifted up,
shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out your pow’r and love
as we sing “Holy, holy, holy.”**

Bridge **Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
I want to see You.**

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Apostles’ 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.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God:
the only Sovereign, who dwells in light;
Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners;
the Holy Spirit, who lives within us.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(A moment of silence for reflection)

P: God of overflowing grace,

C: we come to you with repentant hearts.

Forgive us for shallow thankfulness.

Forgive us for passing by the ones in need.

Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures.

Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness.

Bring us home from the wilderness of sin,

and strengthen us to serve you in all that we do and say;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents. By the grace of God in Christ Jesus, who gave himself up for us all, our sins are forgiven and we are made free. Rejoice with the angels and with one another!

We are home in God's mercy, now and forever.

C: Amen

Hymn of Praise Kyrie Eleison

"Kyrie Eleison" is Latin for "Lord have mercy."

(For music turn to Hymn 19 in the Songbook binder)

Refrain

Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way.

Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day

**1. For peace in the world, for the health of the church,
for the unity of all.**

**For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord! *Refrain***

**2. That we may live out your impassioned response to the
hungry and the poor.**

**That we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord! *Refrain***

**3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes,
for friends and family.**

**For life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord! *Refrain***

**4. For your spirit to guide, that you center our lives
in the water and the Word**

**That you nourish our souls with your body and blood
let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord! *Refrain***

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray...

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

† WORD †

First Reading Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you “Violence!”
and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see wrong-doing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

²Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

⁴Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

After the reading the reader may say: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Poetry Psalm 37:1-9 (Read responsively)

L: No need to fret over sinners
or to envy wrongdoers.

**C: They wither like grass,
they wilt like young plants.**

L: Trust God and do good,
settle down and be at peace.

**C: Delight in the Lord
who satisfies your heart.**

L: Give your life to the Lord.
Trust God to act on your behalf,

**C: to make your integrity shine forth
and your justice bright as noon.**

L: Be still, wait for the Lord.

**C: Waste no energy fretting
about the success of evil schemers.**

L: Stop your ranting and raving,
for anger begets nothing by harm.

**C: Wrongdoers will be exiled,
but those who wait for God
will possess the land.**

Second Reading 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has

now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

After the reading the reader may say: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (1 Peter 1:25)

C: Alleluia. The word of the Lord endures forever. That word is the good news that was announced to you. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading Luke 17:1-10

The gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 17th chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, “Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to anyone by whom they come! ²It would be better for you if a millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea than for you to cause one of these little ones to stumble. ³Be on your guard! If another disciple sins, you must rebuke the offender, and if there is repentance, you must forgive. ⁴And if the same person sins against you seven times a day, and turns back to you seven times and says, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive.”

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table?’ ⁸Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink?’ ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

After the reading:

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day You Are the Seed

(For music turn to Hymn 753 in the Blue Hymnal)

**1. You are the seed that will grow a new sprout;
you're a star that will shine in the night;
you are the yeast and a small grain of salt,
a beacon to glow in the dark.
You are the dawn that will bring a new day;
you're the wheat that will bear golden grain;
you are a sting and a soft, gentle touch,
to witness wherever you go.**

Refrain

**Go, my friends, go to the world,
proclaim the great love of God;
messengers to tell the way of life,
peace and pardon for all.**

**Be, my friends, a loyal witness,
from the dead Christ arose;
"Lo, I'll be with your forevermore,
till the end of the world."**

**2. You are the flame that will light-en the dark,
so resplendent with hope, faith and love;
you are the shepherds to lead the whole world
to waters and pastures of peace.
"You are the friends that I chose for myself,
you're the word that I want to proclaim.
You are the new reign of God built on rock,
where justice and truth are at home."** *Refrain*

**3. You are the life that will nurture the plant;
you're the waves in a turbulent sea;
yesterday's yeast is beginning to rise,
a new loaf of bread it will yield.**

**There is no place for a city to hide,
there's no mountain can cover its might;
let your light shine so that your loving works
give honor and glory to God.** *Refrain*

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Apostles' Creed

A: We confirm our faith with the Apostles' Creed

**C: 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.**

Prayers of the Church

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

The pastor will begin the prayer with a petition and then invites the congregation to add additional petitions and thanksgivings. Please conclude your petition with: Lord in your mercy,

*The congregation will respond: **Hear our prayer.***

The pastor concludes the prayer:

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Peace

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

A: We share that peace with one another.

The congregation may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

† MEAL †

Offering

Hymn of Thanksgiving Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Lord

For music turn to page 35 in the Blue Hymnal

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.**

**Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.**

**Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer now.**

**Grace our table with your presence, Lord,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray: Merciful God,

**C: as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together
to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from
the ends of the earth into your kingdom for yours is the glory
through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus of Nazareth; 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 church of yesterday, today and tomorrow; and the church here in this place and all churches throughout the world, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(Isaiah 6:3, spoken)

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

P: In the night in which he was handed over our Lord Jesus took bread, 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

P: 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

P: Take hold of the life that really is life. Come, take your place at the table.

Communion Distribution

Welcome to the Lord's Supper! All who are baptized are invited to receive communion. You will receive bread from the communion assistant. You may

receive wine from either the common cup or in an individual glass. If you would like to receive in a glass please pick one up from the tray as you approach the altar rail. White grape juice is available in the individual glasses for those who do not wish to take wine. As we commune together everyone is invited to sing the following hymns:

Lamb of God (Page 39 of the Blue Hymnal)

405 *Spirit of Life (Red Hymnal)*

612 *Healer of Our Every Ill (Red Hymnal)*

Communion Blessing After all have communed the pastor will say:

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

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray. We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

† SENDING †

Blessing

P: God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn In the Secret
(For music turn to Hymn 18 in the Songbook binder)

**1. In the secret, in the quiet place,
In the stillness You are there.
In the secret, in the quiet hour I wait
Only for You, 'cause I want to know You more.**

**Refrain I want to know You. I want to hear Your voice.
I want to know You more.
I want to touch You. I want to see Your face.**

I want to know You more.

2. **I am reaching for the highest goal
That I might receive the prize.
Pressing onward, pushing ev'ry hindrance aside,
Out of my way, 'cause I want to know You more. *Refrain***

3. (*Repeat Verse 1*)

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Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: God's work. Our hands.

Worship assistants TODAY:

Greeters and Ushers	Al and Linda Morley
Lector	
Acolyte	Sarah Brownlee
Altar Care	Beth Perdan
Communion Assistants	Gary Boisseau and Cindy Swigart
Nursery Care	Katy Stimmel
Counters	Bruce Boncke and Art Fields
Coffee Hour	

Worship assistants for next Sunday, October 9

Greeters and Ushers	Ethan and Lynne Minkel
Lector	
Acolyte	Sam Ehrlinger
Nursery Care	Kristi Bullwinkle
Counters	Babette Huber and Burdie Gillern
Coffee Hour	<i>Please sign up.</i>

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