



PRELUDE

“Shall We Gather at the River?” arr. Joel Raney, flute

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.
Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of ✝ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!
Amen.

HYMN

Refrain

Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

1 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee. *Refrain*

2 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. *Refrain*

3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee. *Refrain*

4 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne. *Refrain.*

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Amos 8:4-7

PSALM 113

congregation on refrain

Psalm 113 (Refrain 1)

Linda Cable Shute



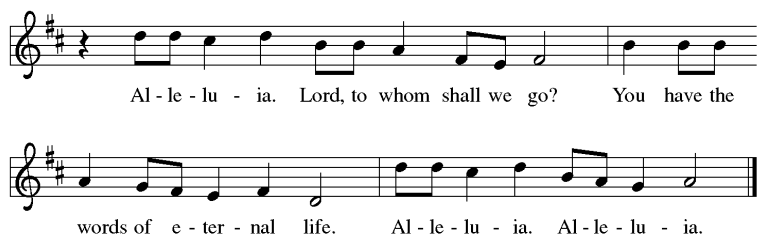
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SCRIPTURE

1 Timothy 2:1-7

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 16:1-13

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"A Secret to Smart Stewardship", Pastor Frank Janzow

SERMON SONG

1 "Forgive our sins as we forgive,"
you taught us, Lord, to pray;
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.

2 How can your pardon reach and bless
the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let
old bitterness depart?

"Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive"

3 In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew:
how trifling others' debts to us;
how great our debt to you!

4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
and bid resentment cease;
then, by your mercy reconciled,
our lives will spread your peace.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

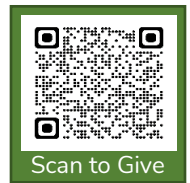
OFFERING

"Meditation on Holy Manna" arr. by Fred Gramann, handbells

Offering is an act of worship – giving back to God in response to the blessings, grace, and love received.

Offering may be given by:

- Going to our website makedisciples.com and clicking on "Ways to Give"
- Scanning this QR code.
- Texting to Give to 844-605-2105
- Mailing to St. John's Lutheran, 20275 Davidson Road, Brookfield, WI 53045



OFFERTORY

"Good Soil"

Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard,
break the stone away.
When my heart is cold,
warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost,
lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

Dialogue and Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

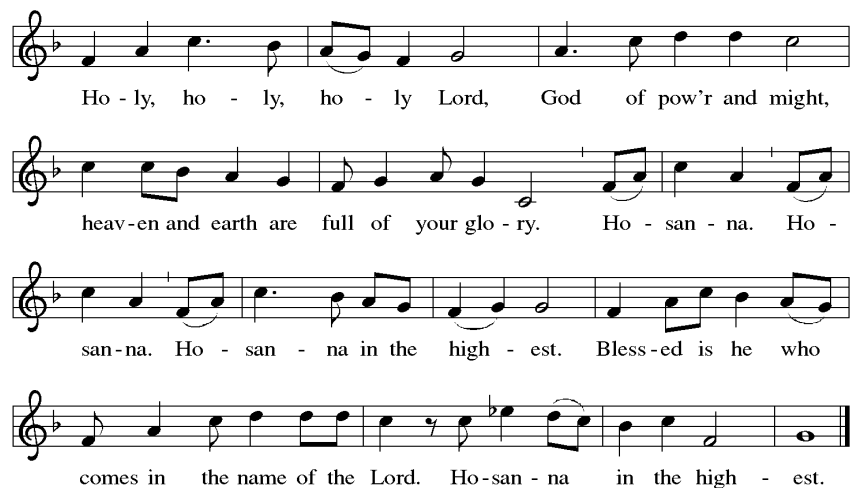
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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 Christ; 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 all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

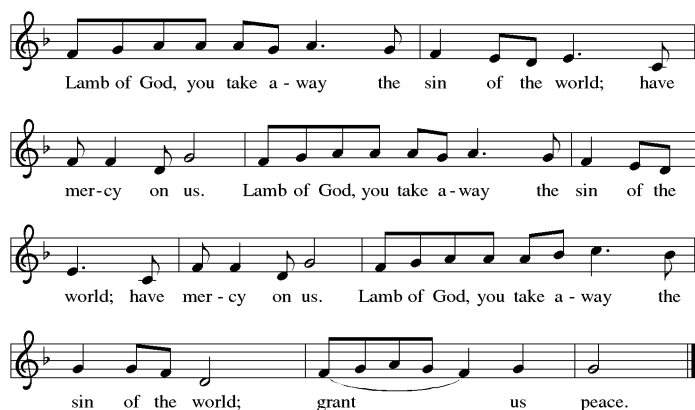


Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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.

Lamb of God



Distribution

Please self-serve your communion.

Whatever you have to represent the bread and wine is acceptable.

COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See last page)

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

- 1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment giv'n.
- 2 There is welcome for the sinner,
and a promised grace made good;
there is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” sung to the tune “In Babilone”

- 3 For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make this love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify its strictness
with a zeal God will not own.
- 4 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;
it is something more than all:
greater good because of evil,
larger mercy through the fall.
Make our love, O God, more faithful;
let us take you at your word,
and our lives will be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.

DISMISSAL.

Go in peace. Following Jesus, making disciples, serving the world.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Cornet Voluntary” by John Travers, organ

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor: Pr. Frank Janzow

Assisting Minister: Mary Wagner

Organist/Music Director: Becky Whelpley

Handbells: Heidi Bischmann, director

Lector: Sandy Landgren

AV: Phil Peters, Dayne Peters

Announcements

Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are provided by the Hintze Family in loving memory of Cheryl Hintze as we celebrate her birthday.

Please use the signups on the website to provide altar flowers to honor a loved one or to celebrate an event.

On the Calendar

- Sep 21 Travel to Tanzania info meeting (9:45a)
- Sep 27 Outreach for Hope bike/run/walk
- Sep 28 Congregational Study begins
- Sep 29 Fall Clean Up with Food (4:00p)
- Oct 1 Kids of the Kingdom begins (5:15p)

September Day of Service

On Sunday, September 28, join us between services in the Fellowship Hall/Kitchen for our Congregation-Wide Service Project! We'll be preparing freezer meals for our shut-ins to deliver care and comfort in a tangible way.

Cooking not your thing? No worries—there are plenty of ways to help! You can write out the cooking instructions and create cheerful notes of encouragement to go along with each meal.

This is a wonderful opportunity for all ages to come together, serve as a community, and share God's love in action. We hope to see you there!



Clean Up, Clean Up, Everybody, Everywhere

Monday, September 29 at 4:00 p.m. we will gather to clean up the St. John's property and prepare it for winter. Many jobs are available for all skill levels. Food will be served! Come when you are able, leave when you must. All are welcome to join the fun and fellowship!

Kids of the Kingdom Begins October 1

Rehearsals for Kids of the Kingdom (KOTK) are Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. A meal follows the rehearsals, which begin October 1. KOTK is the children's choir for ages 4 through 6th grade.

Travel to Tanzania Info Session Today

We are traveling to visit our partners in Tanzania. Attend the information meeting TODAY at 9:45, in the library. Attending the meeting does not commit you to traveling.



September Outreach Focus is El Salvador

During the month of September, we will focus our outreach offering on health-related items for El Salvador. The items will be used in the community clinic attached to the church and for the Days for Girls Washable Menstruation kits. Your donations will bless many.

Needed items:

- Boxes of 1" (all the same size) adhesive bandages
- Boxes of L or XL adhesive bandages (2" x 4")
- Boxes of individually wrapped alcohol wipes
- Packages/Boxes of gauze sponges (4" x 4")
- Boxes of disposable exam gloves (size S, M)
- Boxes of masks (children & adult, surgical or KN95)
- Children's chewable vitamins (not gummies)
- Adult multi-vitamins (not gummies)
- Girls/Women's cotton underpants (Girl sizes M, L; Women sizes S, M, L) (not white)
- 12" or 13" cotton washcloths (darker colors)
- New, cotton flannel (dark, bright patterns, pre-washed)
- New 100% cotton fabrics (bright patterns)
- PUL fabric (white, solid color, or patterned)

Please do NOT donate open packages or medications. Thank you.

Scheduling Sunday Morning Ministries

It takes many hands to make Sunday mornings run smoothly at St. John's. To help coordinate all volunteers, we will be doing a schedule of all Sunday Morning Ministries! The first schedule will cover November to January. If you wish to be on this schedule, for anything from communion server, to greeter, to lector, to coffee host, please complete the MSP Interest Form.

Forms are available online and on paper. Deadline to submit your volunteer preferences is October 12. This is your opportunity to get involved – to try something new – to use your gifts – and to connect with others ... because we are BETTER TOGETHER!