



St. John's
LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL
September 8, 2019
The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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Announcements

Hymn "Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

LSB 673

Please stand for last verse

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit

Ps. 70:2b, 4a, 5b; antiphon: Ps. 70:1–2a

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

O Lord, make haste to help me!

C Let them be put to shame and confusion
who seek my life!

P Let them be turned back
and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt!

C **May all who seek you rejoice
and be glad in you!**

P You are my help and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not delay!

C ***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.***

Kyrie

LSB 186

C ***Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.***

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

P *Glory be to God on High,*

C ***and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.***

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.

We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

***Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon
us.***

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189

P The Lord be with you.

C ***And with thy spirit.***

P Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *Amen.*

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 29:17-24

¹⁷ Is it not yet a very little while

until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

¹⁸ In that day the deaf shall hear

the words of a book,
and out of their gloom and darkness
the eyes of the blind shall see.

¹⁹ The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,

and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

²⁰ For the ruthless shall come to nothing

and the scoffer cease,
and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off,

²¹ who by a word make a man out to be an offender,

and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate,
and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right.

²² Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob:

“Jacob shall no more be ashamed,
no more shall his face grow pale.

²³ For when he sees his children,
the work of my hands, in his midst,
they will sanctify my name;

they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob
and will stand in awe of the God of Israel.

²⁴ And those who go astray in spirit will come to understanding,
and those who murmur will accept instruction.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

P I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

C My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 3:4-11

⁴Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. ⁵Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, ⁶who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

⁷Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, ⁸will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? ⁹For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. ¹⁰Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. ¹¹For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 7:31-37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

C *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴ And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵ And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C *Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Catechism. – *The Table of Duties*

P What does God require of workers of all kinds?

C **Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free.**

Eph. 6:5–8

Sit

Hymn of the Day “**Word of God, Come Down on Earth**” *LSB 545*

Children’s Message

Sermon *When God Doesn’t Make Sense*

Stand

Offertory *LSB 192*

C ***Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.***

Sit

Offering

Voluntary

Stand

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

Prayer of the Church *LSB 193*

Lord's Prayer

Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.

C *And with thy spirit.*

P Bless we the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

Benediction

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.

C *Amen. Amen. Amen.*

Closing Hymn "Spread the Reign of God the Lord"

LSB 830

Postlude

9/8

9/15

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Preacher	Rev. Adam Jacobsen	Rev. Adam Jacobsen
Organist	Rev. Peter Eckardt	Rev. Peter Eckardt
Head Elder	Chuck Miller	Chuck Miller
Assisting Elder	Tim Rincker	Tim Rincker
Ushers	8:00 am: Jacob Shepard & Gary Hurst 10:30 am: Laverne Schaal & Jo Crackel	8:00 am: Jacob Shepard & Gary Hurst 10:30 am: Laverne Schaal & Jo Crackel
Acolytes	8:00 am: Josh Sipes & Jack Pierce 10:30 am: Abigail Niemeyer & Kaylee Croft	8:00 am: Noah Walker & Jack Pierce 10:30 am: Aiden Cook & Andrew Wetzel
Altar Guild	Stephanie Upton	Stephanie Upton
Driver	Bill Havlik 259-2494	Karen Stoll 258-6377

Those In Need of Comfort, Health, & Recovery (Recently Added):

Tara Stortzum	Patricia Spencer	Connie Bridges
Shelby Waller – Granddaughter of Sharon Price		Paul Morrison – Barb Kirts Dad
Mike Morgan – Son of Judy Morgan		Jules Martin - Brother of Michael Martin
Megan Wooters – Niece of Mary Ellen Aylor		

****Numbers shown below are for Plate and Envelope offerings only****

OFFERING	Previous Bal	Last Week	Current Bal
Budgeted	\$320,390	\$9,154	\$329,544
Collected	\$292,276	\$7,823	\$300,099

GATHERED IN WORSHIP LAST WEEK: 8:00 AM: 114 10:30 AM: 115 Total: 229

Church & School News, Events, & Announcements:

FIRE High School Youth: Please join Miss Rebekah Hahn and Pastor Jacobsen for the first meeting of the year in the fellowship hall today from 4:30-6:30 pm. We will have tacos, games and fellowship. Parents and other friends are welcome! Please join us!

Elder’s Meeting: Due to Labor Day, the elder meeting has been moved to Monday, September 9 at 6:30 pm.

Altar Guild: We are in need of altar guild members. If you are interested, please contact the church office or Connie Elder.

Tea for Tara: Ladies Aid is sponsoring a Tea for Tara – a fundraiser for Tara Stortzum, who had a bone marrow transplant this summer. It will be held Saturday, September 28 from 2-4 pm. There will be sandwiches and cookies, a style show by Christopher and Banks, and a silent auction. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in the church or school office, or between services. If you would like to donate a basket or item for the silent auction, that would be wonderful!

Church Picnic: Please join us for food and fellowship at the annual church picnic potluck on September 22 following the **9:00 am** service. Please bring a main dish, side dish or dessert. Parish Life will provide drinks and table service.

Women's Expo: Do you have a home-sold business? If so, we would love you to bring your business to our Women's Night Expo on Friday, November 15, 2019 from 6-9 pm. Contact Chantel in the school office to get your application today! Applications and fees are due no later than October 15, 2019! *St. John's families have the first opportunity to register your business.*

Trunk or Treat: Plan ahead for Trunk or Treat on October 26! We are requesting candy donations and trunks. Trunk sign ups begin October 1. Please join us! Contact Cynthia Bowen or the church office if you'd like to decorate a trunk.

Confirmation: If you have a child going into 6th, 7th, or 8th grade you should have received a letter about the 2019/2020 confirmation year. Please contact the church office at 234-4923 if you do not receive a letter.

Assistant Cook/Server: The school is in need of an assistant cook/lunch server Monday through Friday from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. If you are interested please call the school office at 234-4911 or see Trent Duckett.

Thank You: We so appreciate the love, cards, and good wishes from so many of you for our birthday and anniversary celebrations. Thank you and God bless! ~Edwin & Pat Wetzel

Schedule for September 8 – September 15

Sun	8:00 & 10:30 am Worship 9:15 am Education Hour 4:00 pm Rankin – Gym 4:30-6:30 pm FIRE Youth Meeting - FH	Thu	8:30 am Exercise Class 9:15 am Thursday AM Bible Study 10:30 am Windy City Players - Gym 3-6 pm Study Group – Fam Rm
Mon	8:00 am LOL 3-6 pm Study Group – Fam Rm		6:00 pm Men's Club 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study @ Pastor Jacobsen's House
Tue	6:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Denny's 8:30 am Exercise Class 10:00 am Cards 3-6 pm Study Group – Fam Rm	Fri	3-6 pm Study Group – Fam Rm
Wed	8:30 am Chapel 3-6 pm Study Group – Fam Rm	Sun	8:00 & 10:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion 9:15 am Education Hour 4:00 pm Rankin – Gym