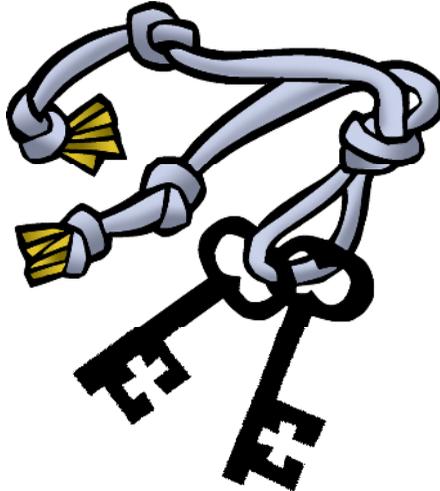


Memory Verses of the Week

Jesus said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

+Matthew 16:15 - 16



*12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 2020- 10:00 a.m.*

ST. JOHN EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

OUR VISION:

We envision a world fed and led by God.

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**COMMUNION TO BE CELEBRATED IN
(REMOTE AND PUBLIC) WORSHIP TODAY**

We are celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion today and every Sunday moving forward. Here is what you will need to do on your end:

If attending our public worship:

We will be offering communion in one part, that is, wafers but no wine/ grape juice. Communicants will be directed by the ushers to come forward by side (left side from front to back, then right side), masked and maintaining physical distance from those outside of their family unit. After receiving the wafer from Pastor or the Assisting Minister (both of whom will be masked), you are asked to step to the side (on the 'X') before removing your mask to partake of communion. Then return, masked, to your seat. Hand sanitizers will be available on the tables by the side aisles.

If at home worshipping remotely:

1. Gather the elements you will need: bread, crackers or even a tortilla wrap, as well as wine or grape juice. If you'd like to make your own (unleavened, if you wish) bread, one was printed in the April newsletter or you can find several online.
2. Prepare a space for you to place the elements, either at a table or coffee table, perhaps with a tablecloth. Set the elements out for that point in our worship.
3. After the Words of Institution, you may then partake of the elements. If you are sheltering with others, share them with one another; if not, simply consume them yourself. In either case, speak the words, "The Body of Christ, given/broken for you/me . . . The Blood of Christ, shed for you/me," to remind you of Christ's presence "in, with, and under" (Luther's words) the ordinary elements of bread and wine.

As in previous instances of remote communion, we honor and respect you, whether you choose to partake or not to partake. *There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.* + Ephesians 4:4

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY & FRIDAY
IN OFFICE 8:00 AM-3:00 PM
TUESDAY-THURSDAY (REMOTELY)
8:00 AM-3:00 PM**

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP
12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 2020
10:00 a.m.**

P = Presiding Minister; **A** = Assisting Minister; **C** = Congregation

GATHERING

Prelude..... *Improvisation on “Thy Word”*

Ringing of the Church Bells

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

(silence is kept for reflection)

P: Reconciling God,

C: **we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace,**

forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. As a called and ordained minister . . . in the name of the †Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

The Peace

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

C: **And also with you.**

(Please remain in place and maintain physical distancing while you greet those around you in the name of Christ.)

Gathering Songs..... “Be Exalted ”

I will give thanks to thee, O Lord among the people.
I will sing praises to thee among the nations.
For thy steadfast love is great, is great to the heavens;
and thy faithfulness, thy faithfulness to the clouds.

Chorus

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.
Let thy glory be over all the earth. *(repeat)*

I will give thanks to thee, O Lord among the people.
I will sing praises to thee among the nations.
For thy steadfast love is great, is great to the heavens;
and thy faithfulness, thy faithfulness to the clouds. *Chorus*

“Shout to the Lord”

My Jesus, my Saviour, Lord there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;
let every breath, all that I am never cease to worship you.

Chorus

Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing,
"Power and majesty, praise to the King."
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands.
Forever I'll love you; forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

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The 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.**

The Prayer of the Day

- P: Let us pray, O God,
- C: **with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

A Rest That Works Video Journey: "Work"

First Reading.....Romans12:1-8

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the

leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Kids' Talk.....Pastor Paul

The Gospel Acclamation **WORSHIP BOOK - Setting 4 Page 151**
"Alleluia"



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



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

The Holy Gospel.....*Matthew 16:13-20*
(spoken) (text for pastor's sermon)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 16th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon.....Rev. Paul Offhaus

Song of the Day "Jesus Messiah"

Verse 1

He became sin who knew no sin that we might become his righteousness.

He humbled himself and carried the cross.

Love so amazing, love so amazing.

Chorus

Jesus Messiah, name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven;
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

Verse 2

His body - the bread; his blood - the wine;
broken and poured out all for love.
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing, love so amazing. *Chorus*

All our hope is in you, all our hope is in you.
All the glory to you, God - the light of the world. *Chorus*

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.
The Lord of all. The Lord of all.

Apostles' Creed

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 Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, 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.

Prayers of the People (*after each petition, please respond as follows*):

A: Lord, in your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

P: ...through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: **Amen.**

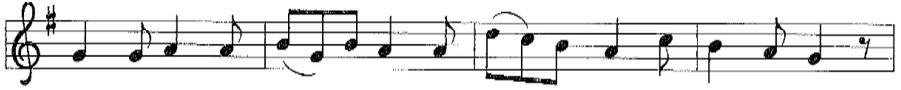
Time of Offering

MEAL

Canticle of Thanksgiving.....**WORSHIP BOOK - 207**
“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”



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



cv - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - jice and bear the name of Christ.



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.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Communion (*in the public gathering or in your own homes*)

(Lutheran Christians proclaim that Jesus Christ is truly present “in, with and under” the ordinary elements of bread and wine. To receive Holy Communion, therefore, is to receive Christ. All who seek to be nourished in faith and life through the presence and power of the Lord Jesus Christ are welcome to share in this Meal.)

Communion Music.....The King of Love My Shepherd Is - Janet Linker

Post Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace, both now and forevermore.

C: Amen.

SENDING

The Blessing

Sending Hymn **Worship Book - 625**
"Come, We That Love the Lord"

Vs 1 Come, we that love the Lord,
 and let our joys be known;
 join in a song with sweet accord,
 join in a song with sweet accord
 and thus surround the throne,
 and thus surround the throne.

Refrain

 We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
 we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

Vs 2 Let those refuse to sing
 who never knew our God;
 but children of the heav'nly king,
 but children of the heav'nly king
 may speak their joys abroad,
 may speak their joys abroad. *Refrain*

Vs 3 The hill of Zion yields
 a thousand sacred sweets
 before we reach the heav'nly fields,
 before we reach the heav'nly fields,
 or walk the golden streets,
 or walk the golden streets. *Refrain*

Vs 4 Then let our songs abound,
 and ev'ry tear be dry;
 we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
 we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
 to fairer worlds on high,
 to fairer worlds on high. *Refrain*

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *We're Marching to Zion* - Gordon Young

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP LEADERS (8/23)

Presiding Minister & Preacher Rev. Paul Offhaus
Assisting Minister Steve Rieck
Organist Martin P. Gigler
Greeters Tim & Bev Murphy
Deacon..... Chris Walda
Ushers..... Walda Family
Altar Guild..... Bonnie Shurboff
Media/Sound Jay Heare, Mike McGahey, Pete Newcomb, Lori Paul

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP LEADERS (8/30)

Presiding Minister & Preacher Rev. Paul Offhaus
Assisting Minister Linda McGahey
Organist Martin P. Gigler
Greeters Volunteers Needed
Deacon..... Chris Walda
Ushers..... Walda Family
Altar Guild..... Cindy Witters
Media/Sound Jay Heare, Mike McGahey, Pete Newcomb, Lori Paul

Come, We That Love the Lord



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou-sand sa - cred sweets
4 Then let our songs a-bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;



join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with
but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the
be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the
we're march - ing through Em - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Em -



sweet ac-cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.
heav'n-ly King may speak their joys a-broad, may speak their joys a - broad.
heav'n-ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
man-uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

Refrain



We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti-ful, beau - ti-ful Zi - on:



we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti-ful cit - y of God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain
Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robery Lowry, 1826–1899

SERMON NOTES
