

Memory Verse of the Week

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+Matthew 16:24-25



*13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 2020- 10:00 a.m.*

ST. JOHN EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

OUR VISION:

We envision a world fed and led by God.

OUR MISSION:

Fed and led by God, we live as a neighbor - in the West Central community, the city of Fort Wayne, and all the world.

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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
13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 2020
10:00 a.m.**

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

GATHERING

Prelude

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 Song “*As It Is In Heaven*”

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Come and let your glory come, and let your glory fall.
Our Father, who art in heaven;
the rocks cry out your fame.
Come and let your glory come, and let your glory fall.

I will sing, sing a new song.
I will sing, sing a new song;
I will sing, sing a new song to the Lord.

Chorus

Let your kingdom come,
let your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Ev'ry heart proclaim the mercy of your name,
on earth as it is in heaven.

God give us, new ev'ry morning,
mercy as daily bread in the name of Jesus,
in the name of Jesus we pray.
And lead us not to temptation,
but deliver us with your hand in the name of Jesus,
in the name of Jesus we pray.

I will sing, sing a new song.
I will sing, sing a new song;
I will sing, sing a new song to the Lord. *Chorus*

For the kingdom is yours,
and the power is yours,
and the glory forever, amen. *(repeat)*

Chorus

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: **we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

A Rest That Works Video Journey: “Life-Long Adventure”

First Reading.....*Romans 12:1-8*

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

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 16:21-28*
(spoken) (text for pastor's sermon)

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you."

²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon.....Rev. Paul Offhaus

Hymn of the Day.....**Worship Book - 818**
"O Master Let Me Walk with You"

Vs 1 O Master, let me walk with you
in lowly paths of service true;
tell me your secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Vs 2 Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.

Vs 3 Teach me your patience; share with me
a closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong,

Vs 4 In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broad'ning way,
in peace that only you can give;
with you, O Master, let me live.

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-joice 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

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 - 536**

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

Vs 1 God be with you till we meet again;
by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

Vs 2 God be with you till we meet again;
'neath his wings securely hide you,
daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain*

Vs 3 God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put his arms unfailing round you;
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain*

Vs 4 God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you,
smite death's threat'ning wave before you;
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain*

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude.....*Little Prelude and Fugue in G Major* - Johann Sebastian Bach

THIS 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

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP LEADERS (9/6)

Presiding Minister & Preacher..... Rev. Paul Offhaus
Assisting Minister..... Deb Waybright
Organist..... Martin P. Gigler
Greeters.....Cindy & Catie Witters
Deacon..... Mike Mommer
Ushers.....Cindy & Catie Witters
Altar Guild.....Linda McGahey, Stacie Stauffer
Media/Sound..... Jay Heare, Mike McGahey, Pete Newcomb, Lori Paul

O Master, Let Me Walk with You



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret - of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.
Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

God Be with You Till We Meet Again



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by his
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; 'neath his
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's



coun-sels guide, up - hold you, with his sheep se - cure - ly
 wings se - cure - ly hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro -
 per - ils thick con - found you, put his arms un - fail - ing
 ban - ner float - ing o'er you, smite death's threat'ning wave be -



fold you;
 vide you;
 round you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 fore you;



Refrain
 Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904

Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

SERMON NOTES
