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COMMUNION STATEMENT... To Our Guests: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. John Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. They show forth His death until He comes. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, please speak with the Pastor before service. Please note that there are cups in the middle of each tray which contain wine diluted with water for those who prefer.

AS WE GATHER... In Psalm 12, King David cries out, "Save, O Lord, for the godly one is gone; for the faithful have vanished from among the children of man" (v. 1). The Lord God's anointed king lives in a troubling world! Many centuries later, Martin Luther paraphrased the words of David, writing in a hymn text in 1523: "O Lord, look down from heav'n, behold and let Thy pity waken; . . . dark times have us o'ertaken" (*TLH* 260:1). Looking at our world today, we can relate to both King David and Martin Luther. Yet both men expressed hope in their written words. In his psalm, David writes, "The words of the Lord are pure words, . . . You, O Lord, will keep them" (vv. 6a, 7a). And Luther confidently writes, "So through God's Word shall men endure each trial and temptation" (*TLH* 260:5). Reformation Day echoes the call to faithfulness heard by God's people through the ages. May we listen well!

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP HELPS... Please know we have two children's worship bulletins available for young non-readers and older children. Both bulletins have activities that go along with the weekly theme. We also have activity bags for children hanging on the rear wall of the church for use throughout the worship service. If needed we have a cry room/nursery (with changing table) behind the organ in the southwest corner of the church.

Pre-Service Music

Ringling of the Bells

The Welcome

PREPARATION

656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

**1 A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.**

**2 With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One,
Whom God Himself elected.**

**Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.**

**3 Though devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill;
They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none.
He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.**

**4 The Word they still shall let remain
Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone,
Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.**

Text: tr. composite; Martin Luther, 1483–1546 Text: Public domain

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 130

P Beloved in the Lord, as together we make our confession this day, we use words of a confessional hymn text based on Psalm 130, written by Martin Luther more than five hundred years ago in 1523. In confidence, let us come before our gracious Lord to confess our sins and to receive His gracious absolution. We speak the words of the psalm and then sing the stanzas penned by the great reformer.

**C Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice!
Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
607 From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee st. 1**

**1 From depths of woe I cry to Thee,
In trial and tribulation;
Bend down Thy gracious ear to me,
Lord, hear my supplication.
If Thou rememb' rest ev'ry sin,
Who then could heaven ever win
Or stand before Thy presence?**

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; Martin Luther, 1483–1546 Text: Public domain

C If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be

feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

607 From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee *st. 3*

3 Therefore my hope is in the Lord

And not in mine own merit;

It rests upon His faithful Word

To them of contrite spirit

That He is merciful and just;

This is my comfort and my trust.

His help I wait with patience.

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; Martin Luther, 1483–1546 Text: Public domain

C O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption. And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

607 From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee *st. 5*

5 Though great our sins, yet greater still

Is God's abundant favor;

His hand of mercy never will

Abandon us, nor waver.

Our shepherd good and true is He,

Who will at last His Israel free

From all their sin and sorrow.

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P God has promised His forgiveness of sins to those who repentantly confess their sins, imploring His grace and mercy for the sake of His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

WORD

Introit

Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
and shall not be put to shame.

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

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

**Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**

The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
and shall not be put to shame.

Kyrie

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord of hosts, have mercy.

P For those living in fear because of sudden disaster, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord of creation, have mercy.

P For those living in fear because of the evil intentions of people in power, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord of lords, have mercy.

P For those living in fear because of evil forces within the Church and oppression beyond it, let us pray to the Lord.

C Christ, our Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

953 We All Believe in One True God

**1 We all believe in one true God,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present help in need,
Praised by all the heav'nly host;**

**All He made His love enfolds,
All creation He upholds.**

**2 We all believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Mary's son,
Who descended from His throne
And for us salvation won;
By whose cross and death are we
Rescued from all misery.**

**3 We all confess the Holy Ghost,
Who from both in truth proceeds,
Who sustains and comforts us
In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blessèd, holy Trinity,
Praise forever be to Thee!**

**Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–84; tr. Catherine Winkworth,
1827–78, alt. Text: Public domain**

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all

enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 15:1–6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And

Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴And behold, the word

of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵And he brought him outside and

said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 4:1–5

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he

has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to

him as righteousness." ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not

work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness,

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse

Luke 12:32

C Alleluia. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 7:44–50

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁴Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." ⁴⁸And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.**

Children's Sermon

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

**1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done.**

**2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing Your praise eternally.**

**3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.**

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78,
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Sermon

“Faith Fundamentals”

Prayer of the Church

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.**

Offering

SACRAMENT

Preface

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 Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

P To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sanctus

LSB 208

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;**

Heav'n and earth with full acclaim

shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei *LSB 210*

**C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Distribution Hymns

651 I Love Your Kingdom, Lord

**1 I love Your kingdom, Lord,
The place of Your abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood.**

**2 Beyond my highest joy
I prize its heav'nly ways,
Its sweet communion, solemn vows,
Its hymns of love and praise.**

**3 I love Your Church, O God,
Your saints in ev'ry land,
Dear as the apple of Your eye
And graven on Your hand.**

**4 For them my tears shall fall;
For them my prayers ascend;
For them my cares and toils be giv'n
Till toils and cares shall end.**

**5 Sure as Your truth shall last,
To Zion shall be giv'n
The brightest glories earth can yield
And brighter bliss of heav'n.**

Text: Timothy Dwight, 1752–1817, alt. Text: Public domain

664 Fight the Good Fight

**1 Fight the good fight with all your might;
Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Your joy and crown eternally.**

**2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.**

**3 Cast care aside, lean on your guide;
His boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove
Christ is your life and Christ your love.**

**4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near;
He changes not who holds you dear;
Only believe, and you will see
That Christ is all eternally.**

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–75, alt. Text: Public domain

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 211*

**C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.**

**2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding**

Through all eternity.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.

660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,

Ye soldiers of the cross.

Lift high His royal banner;

It must not suffer loss.

From vict'ry unto vict'ry

His army He shall lead

Till ev'ry foe is vanquished,

And Christ is Lord indeed.

**2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
The trumpet call obey;
Stand forth in mighty conflict
In this His glorious day.
Let all His faithful serve Him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger
And strength to strength oppose.**

**3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
Stand in His strength alone.
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor;
Each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger,
Be never wanting there.**

**4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
The strife will not be long;
This day the din of battle,
The next the victor's song.
The soldiers, overcoming,
Their crown of life shall see
And with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally.**

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Attendance Last Week: 290	
General giving last week:	\$8386.00
Budget giving needed:	\$7500.00

Calendar of Activities this week at St. John

30 Wednesday	Senior Choir	6:30 pm
31 Thursday	Worship Service/HC	6:30 pm
3 Sunday	Worship Service/HC	9:00 am
3 Sunday	Adult Bible Class	10:15 am
3 Sunday	Sunday School	10:15 am

PASTOR ROB'S NUMBER: If you or a loved one are hospitalized or going through something difficult and need to speak with a pastor, please call or text Pastor Rob at any time at (920) 539-4603. He would be happy to speak with you and set up a time to visit.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in honor of Bob and Betty Dewhurst's 60th wedding anniversary, from their kids, grandkids, and great grandkids.

ASLEEP IN JESUS: It has pleased Almighty God to call from this veil of tears to Himself the soul of His servant Donald Groskreutz. Donald entered eternal life with his Lord and Savior on Friday, October 18th and will receive Christian burial from St. John on Monday, October 28th.

HUMAN CARE will take a door collection NEXT WEEK to help provide funds for the work they do for people in need.

SCRIP NEWS: Webster's Market in Ripon has been bought out by Hy-Vee, if you have any Webster's scrip cards you have until November 2nd to use them.

SENIOR CHOIR SEEKING NEW VOICES: Our Choir has started up again, with rehearsals on Wednesday evenings, starting at 6:30 pm. WE NEED NEW MEMBERS – we only have 4 right now. Please give some thought to adding YOUR voice to our choir and helping us praise the Lord with song!

CHURCH LIBRARY NEWS: Our library has been reorganized into easy-to-find categories with some new books too. Please take a look. Also, we are looking to add to our collection of Christian reading material. If you have any Christian books that you would like to donate, please bring them and put them in the marked bin by the door. For those wishing to read a book or two from the library, just take it home with you and bring it back when you are done. There is no formal check-out process.

TITUS 2 WOMEN'S MINISTRY Titus 2 is a Christian women's group dedicated to building relationships between different generations. Rachel Cassidy, a mother of one of our school children, is hosting a gathering on November 9th at River Shores Church. If you're an experienced mother who is mature in your faith, please bring a piece of advice, wisdom, or scripture to share with others. If you're a younger woman or are new to your faith, please bring a dish to pass and any questions you have. Dinner starts at 5pm; the evening will conclude by 8:00pm. Please RSVP to Rachel Cassidy at (920) 290-4459 by November 6th.

EMAIL OR ADDRESS CHANGE? PHONE # CHANGE? Please let the church office know so we can keep our records current. You may drop a note in the church office mailbox or write "CHANGED" on your next communion card and then fill in what has changed in your information. Thanks!!

Sermon Notes – 10-27-24 – Faith Fundamentals

-“But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” (Genesis 15:2)

1. Faith isn't _____.

-“And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: ‘This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.’” (Genesis 15:3)

2. The Lord _____ us in our doubts.

-“And Abram believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as _____.”

3. Faith is in a promise from God.

4. When God reassures us, our faith should be renewed.

5. We're _____ through faith.

-Our biggest problem, our enormous pile of sin that would have led to death and hell, is suddenly gone and taken care of simply through faith in God's promise!

-“When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a _____ with Abram, saying, ‘To your offspring I give this land.’”

-On the cross, Jesus became the heifer that was cut in half, he became the goat that was cut in half, he became the ram that was cut in half – each of these are sacrificial animals. God, in Jesus Christ, became the _____ that was cut in half, that was destroyed, that died upon the cross.