

Welcome

To our friends who know us, we renew our welcome; to the stranger, we extend our sincere greeting. If you are a visitor, please understand that you are our guest and we want you to feel welcome and comfortable. We are happy you chose to be with us in this service, and pray you have been blessed by our Lord today as He has blessed us by your presence.

Those Who Serve Us

Each Member of St. John's	A Minister
Rev. Mike Burdick.....	Pastor
Rev. Gary Fortkamp	Visitation Pastor
Mrs. Sandy Esker	Preschool Director
Mr. Jamie Lotz & Linda White.....	Organist
Mrs. Holly (Hulskotter) Adams.....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band	10:30AM Music
Mr. Jim Schroeder	4:00 PM Elder on Duty
Mr. Jeff Stremming.....	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Mr. Jake Wendling.....	8AM Elder on Duty
Mr. Chris Niebrugge.....	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Mr. Howard Janis 217-821-6728.....	Elder on Duty for Oct. 19 – Oct. 23, 2020
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CHRIST is important to us
in our worship
in our study
in our fellowship
in our lives.

YOU are important to us
in our worship
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in our lives.

Please turn your cell phones off before the service begins.

Offerings and Attendance Cards can be placed in the boxes at the doors.

Altar Flowers have been given to the glory of God by Kris & Molly Lipe in honor of their anniversary.

As We Gather

As the Lord speaks to us in His Word, He calls the righteous to live by faith and always gives reason why His people can do so through His continual presence, power, and providence. The Readings today urge us, in various ways, to live by faith in our confession and conviction. In Isaiah, He with great conviction reminds through the prophet, "I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides Me there is no God." In the Epistle, Paul assures the Thessalonians, "He has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction." Finally, in today's Gospel, Christ urges us to live by faith and as stewards of all He has provided, to "render . . . to God the things that are God's." Moved by His Spirit out of gratefulness for the salvation earned for us by Christ Jesus, we then give God our willing obedience, dedicated service, and the glory due His name as we in confession and conviction live by faith in and through Him.

Order of Worship

You will find the songs for our 10:30am Service in italics

“Let It Rise”

Preservice #1

*Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us
Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us
Let the praises of the King, rise among us, let it rise*

*Let the songs of the Lord, rise among us
Let the songs of the Lord, rise among us
Let the joy of the King, rise among us, let it rise*

*Oh, oh, oh, Let it rise
Oh, oh, oh, Let it rise*

*Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us
Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us
Let the praises of the King, rise among us, let it rise*

*Oh, oh, oh, Let it rise
Oh, oh, oh, Let it rise*

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*Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us
Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us
Let the praises of the King, rise among us, let it rise*

Oh Let It Rise

*Oh, oh, oh, Let it rise
Oh, oh, oh, Let it rise
Oh, oh, oh, Let it rise
Oh, oh, oh, Let it rise*

"Let It Rise" Author: Holland Davis1997, 1999 Maranatha Praise, Inc.Scripture Reference: Exodus 16:7, Psalm 137:4CCLI Song # 2240585CCLI License # 51072

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

Preservice #2

*Lord, I lift Your name on high.
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life.
I'm so glad You came to save us.
You came from Heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high. (Repeat)*

"Lord I Lift Your Name On High" written by Rick Founds1989 Maranatha Praise, Inc.Scripture Reference: Hebrews 2:12; Genesis 46:28CCLI Song: 117947CCLI License: 51072

Bells – Prelude - Welcome

Invocation

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

C Amen.

966 Before You, Lord, We Bow

st. 1-3

1 Before You, Lord, we bow,
Our God who reigns above
And rules the world below,
Boundless in pow'r and love.
Our thanks we bring
In joy and praise,
Our hearts we raise
To You, our King!

2 The nation You have blest
May well Your love declare,
From foes and fears at rest,
Protected by Your care.
For this bright day,
For this fair land—
Gifts of Your hand—
Our thanks we pay.

3 May ev'ry mountain height,
Each vale and forest green,
Shine in Your Word's pure light,
And its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue
Be tuned to praise
And join to raise
A grateful song. Text: Public domain

"Thy Word"

Opening Song

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

*When I feel afraid and I think I've lost my way,
Still you're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near,
Please be near me to the end.*

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

*I will not forget Your love for me and yet,
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side,
and I will love You to the end.*

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
And a light unto my path, You're the light unto my path.*

"Thy Word" written by Amy Grant, Michael W. Smith © 1984 Meadowgreen Music Company Scripture Reference: Psalm 119:105 CCLI Song: 14301CCLI License: 51072

Opening Sentences

Psalm 96:1–9

P Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

C Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

P Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

C For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

P For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

C Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

P Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

C Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts! Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

966 Before You, Lord, We Bow

st. 4

4 Earth, hear your Maker's voice;

Your great Redeemer own;

Believe, obey, rejoice,

And worship Him alone.

Cast down your pride,

Your sin deplore,

And bow before

The Crucified.

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Confession and Absolution

Psalm 51:1–3; 96:9–13; Isaiah 45:5, adapted

P Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

C according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

P Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

C For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

P As we come and bow before the Lord to confess our sins, we admit that we have bowed down to other gods of this world and gods of our own choosing.

C We confess we have trusted in ourselves and others rather than in You.

P We have failed to rely on You in all times. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, and against others in what we have done and left undone.

C We have not loved You with our whole heart and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

(silence for confession)

P Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
C let the field exult, and everything in it!

P Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
C before the Lord, for He comes,

P for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in His faithfulness.
C Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

P Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, God is merciful beyond measure and “there is no other, besides Him there is no God.” He has chosen you in the Gospel, which has come not only in word but with full conviction in power and in the Holy Spirit. Jesus died on the cross to redeem you. Through Him, in His stead, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

966 Before You, Lord, We Bow

st. 5

5 And when in pow’r He comes,
 Oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs
 Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng,
 With joy to sing
 To heav’n’s high King
Salvation’s song! Text: Public domain

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Children’s Sermon

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 45:1–7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: ²“I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God

of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, ⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 96:1–9; antiphon: v. 9a

¹Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!

²Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.

³Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

⁴For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.

⁵For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.

⁶Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

⁸Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come in to his courts!

⁹Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but

your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

789 Praise and Thanksgiving (4:00 & 5:30pm)

1 Praise and thanksgiving,

Father, we offer

For all things living,

Created good:

Harvest of sown fields,

Fruits of the orchard,

Hay from the mown fields,

Blossom and wood.

2 Bless, Lord, the labor

We bring to serve You

That with our neighbor

We may be fed.

Sowing or tilling,

We would work with You,

Harvesting, milling

For daily bread.

3 Father, providing

Food for Your children,

By Your wise guiding

Teach us to share

One with another,

So that, rejoicing

With us, all others

May know Your care.

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Musical Offering: "Teach Me, O Lord" (8:00 & 10:30)

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

sts. 1–5

1 Holy God, we praise Thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.

3 Lo, the apostles' holy train
Join Thy sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
And the white-robed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun
Through the Church the song goes on.

2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord!

4 Thou art King of Glory, Christ;
Son of God, yet born of Mary.
For us sinners sacrificed,
As to death a Tributary,
First to break the bars of death,
Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.

(stand)

5 Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.

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“How Deep The Father's Love For Us”

Sermon Song

*How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
And make a wretch His treasure*

*How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One,
Bring many sons to glory*

*Behold the Man upon the cross,
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice,
Call out among the scoffers*

*It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished*

*I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection*

*Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom*

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Sermon

"Behind the Mask"

Isaiah 45:1-7

Apostles' 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.

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.

Benediction

851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

- 1 Lord of glory, You have bought us
With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given
Blessings countless as the sand
To the_unthankful and the evil
With Your own unsparing hand.
- 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You
Gladly, freely of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by You, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.
- 3 Wondrous honor You have given
To our humblest charity
In Your own mysterious sentence,
"You have done it all to Me."
Can it be, O gracious Master,
That You deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Your poor and needy,
"Give as I have giv'n to you"?
- 4 Lord of glory, You have bought us
With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust You boldly,
Hope, to stay our souls on You;
But, oh, best of all Your graces,
With Your love our love renew.

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"My Redeemer Lives"

Closing Song

*I know He Rescued my soul
His Blood covered my sin
I believe I believe*

*My shame He's taken away
My pain is healed in His name
I believe I believe*

*I'll raise the banner
'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives*

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His Blood covered my sin
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*My shame He's taken away
My pain is healed in His name
I believe I believe*

*I'll raise the banner
'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives*

*You lift my burdens; And I rise with You
I'm dancing on this mountain top
To see Your Kingdom come*

*My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives*

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