

August 1 & 2, 2021
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to worship today at St. John's! May God bless you through his Word of grace and give you the peace and joy that come only from Jesus.

Guests, we ask that you would do us the honor of signing our Guest Book, found on the kiosk in the church entryway.

Bathrooms are located in the church entryway to the left as you exit the sanctuary.

Nursery / cry room is located in the room (with the large glass windows) to the right as you exit the sanctuary.

Hearing Loop technology is installed in the sanctuary. Hearing aids can be tuned to pick up the church audio signal. A hearing device headset is also available from the ushers.

UPDATED COVID Service Modifications: Due to steadily increasing attendance at our services, the Elders are updating the COVID related service modifications. Seating restrictions will be discontinued for the inner two sections of pews. The alternating pew availability for the outer pew sections will continue. Hymnals and Bibles have been returned and may be used by worshipers. All Scriptures and hymns will continue to be printed in the service folders. Communion kneeling pads have been returned. At the hand motion of the pastor, communicants may kneel for the Sacrament if they so desire. No longer is one table of communicants asked to wait at the rail for the other table to return to their pews.

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TODAY'S FOCUS: God Takes Care of His People Today's lessons show how God takes care of his people. He turned twenty loaves into a meal for hundreds (First Lesson) and five loaves and two fish into a meal for thousands (Gospel). And God even uses our generosity to care for his people (Second Lesson). We are thankful to God for his providence and care, and we recognize that God indeed takes care of his people!

🎵 OPENING HYMN

"All People that on Earth Do Dwell"

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Please stand to sing stanza five.

LITURGY

COMMON SERVICE WITHOUT HOLY COMMUNION (CW PG. 15)

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: 🎵 Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

KYRIE

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: ♪ Amen.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

♪ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your 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,

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.

For you only are holy; you only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And also with you.

M: Let us pray. O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

Be Seated

FIRST LESSON

2 KINGS 4:42-44

⁴² A man came from Baal Shalishah, bringing the man of God twenty loaves of barley bread baked from the first ripe grain, along with some heads of new grain. "Give it to the people to eat," Elisha said.

⁴³ "How can I set this before a hundred men?" his servant asked.

But Elisha answered, "Give it to the people to eat. For this is what the LORD says: 'They will eat and have some left over.'" ⁴⁴ Then he set it before them, and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of the LORD.

PSALM 84

The congregation sings the psalm in unison.

SECOND LESSON

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-11


⁶Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever."

¹⁰Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

JOHN 6:68

M: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.


C:  Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Stand

GOSPEL

JOHN 6:1-15

M: The Holy Gospel is written in St. John chapter six.

C:  Glory be to you, O Lord!

Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), ²and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. ³Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. ⁴The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

⁵When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

⁷Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"


⁸Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, ⁹"Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

¹⁰Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). ¹¹Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

¹²When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." ¹³So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

¹⁴After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." ¹⁵Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C:  Praise be to you, O Christ!

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Be Seated

♪ HYMN OF THE DAY

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

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SERMON—JOHN 6:1-15

REV. PAUL PRANGE

"Jesus Will Not Fail Me"

♪ RESPONSE

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Offerings given in thanks to the Lord are brought to the Lord's altar. We ask that all worshipers fill out a "Welcome to Worship" card (found in the hymnal racks) and place it in the offering plates at the sanctuary doors following the service.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord God, heavenly Father, you provide us with all things needful for sustaining our lives on earth.

C: **You have also made provisions for the salvation of our souls in sending us your Son Jesus Christ.**

M: Accept our praise and thanks for your physical and spiritual providence.

C: **Truly, O Lord, we do not deserve your kindness, for we have sinned against you and are not worthy to be called your children.**

M: You have given us untold treasures on this earth, yet we are so busy collecting them that we often forget that they come from you.

C: **We often forget that our accumulated wealth and possessions can never redeem us.**

M: We have often coveted earthly wealth to the neglect of your word and sacraments.

C: **Forgive us for being selfish, by not returning our treasure to you, or sharing it with others.**

M: Breathe within us a spirit of contentment.

C: **Having food and clothing, let us be content.**

M: Help us to recognize that all good things come from you, and give us faith to share with others.

C: **Help us not to compare ourselves to others or to begrudge the blessings you shower on others.**

(Here special intercessions, silent or spoken, may be made.)

M: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer,**

M: As we also join to pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Be Seated

♪ **HYMN**

"Praise to God, Immortal Praise"

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Stand

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: ♪ **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Be Seated

♪ **CLOSING HYMN**

"May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"

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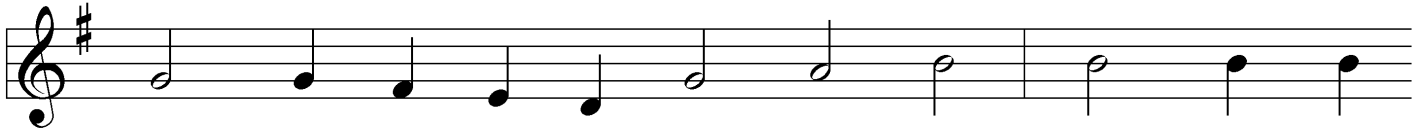


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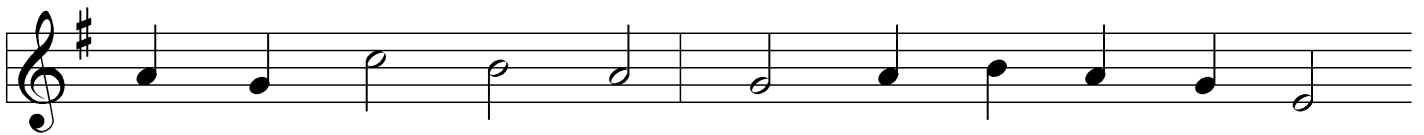
WORSHIP AND PRAISE

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All People that on Earth Do Dwell



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our
3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; Ap - proach with
4 For why? The Lord, our God, is good; His mer - cy
5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with fear; his praise
aid he did us make. We are his folk; he doth
joy his courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless his name
is for - ev - er sure. His truth at all times firm -
heav'n and earth a - dore, From us and from the an -



forth - tell; Come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
us feed, And for his sheep he doth us take.
al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.
ly stood And shall from age to age en - dure.
gel host Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1593, alt.

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH (LM) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.

Psalm 84

Please sing Psalm in unison.

Refrain



Let us go re-joic - ing to the house of the Lord.

Psalm tone



How lovely is your dwelling place,*
O LORD Almighty!

My soul yearns, even faints,*
for the courts of the LORD.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house;*
they are ever praising you.

Refrain

Better is one day in your courts*
than a thousand elsewhere;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God*
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

O LORD Almighty,*
blessed are they who trust in you.

**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.**

Refrain

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Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior,
 2 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us,
 3 Bind us all as one to - geth - er
 4 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers,



Source of life and truth and grace, Word made
 King of love and Prince of Peace; Hush the
 In your Church's sa - cred fold, Weak and
 So may we for oth - ers live. Free - ly



flesh, whose birth a - mong us, Hon - ors
 storm of strife and pas - sion; Bid its
 health - y, poor and wealth - y, Sad and
 have your gifts been grant - ed; Free - ly



all our hu - man race, You our head,
 cru - el dis - cords cease. By your pa -
 joy - ful, young and old. Is there want
 may your ser - vants give. Yours the gold



who, throned in glo - ry, For your own will
 tient years of toil - ing, By your si - lent
 or pain or sor - row? Make us all the
 and yours the sil - ver, Yours the wealth of



ev - er plead: Fill us with your love and
 hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered thirst for
 bur - den share. Are there spir - its crushed and
 land and sea; We but stew - ards of your



pit - y; Heal our wrongs and help our need.
 plea - sure; Stem our self - ish greed for gain.
 bro - ken? Teach us, Lord, to soothe their care.
 boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.

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Praise to God, Immortal Praise



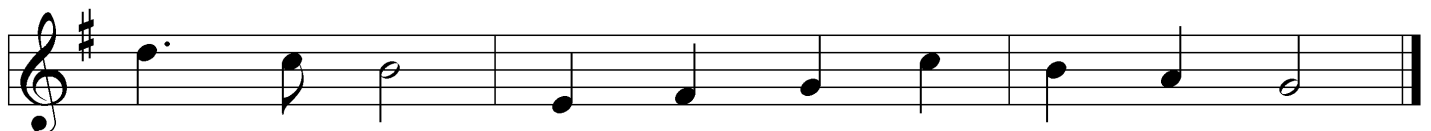
1 Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise, For the love that
 2 All the plen - ty sum - mer pours, Au - tumn's rich, o'er -
 3 Peace, pros - per - i - ty, and health, Pri - vate bliss and
 4 As your pros-p'ring hand has blest, May we give you



crowns our days. Boun - teous Source of ev - 'ry joy,
 flow - ing stores, Flocks that whit - en all the plain,
 pub - lic wealth, Knowl - edge with its glad-d'ning streams,
 of our best And by deeds of kind - ly love



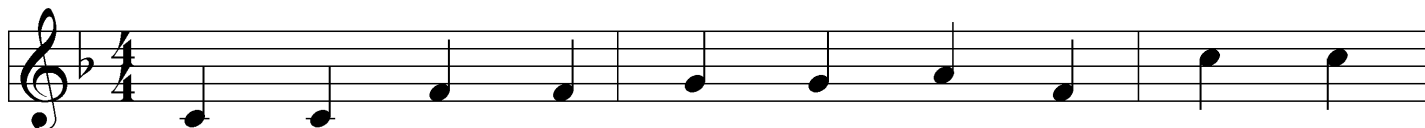
Let your praise our tongues em - ploy. All to you, our
 Yel - low sheaves of rip - ened grain— Lord, for these our
 True re - li - gion's ho - lier beams— Lord, for these our
 For your mer - cies grate - ful prove, Sing - ing thus through



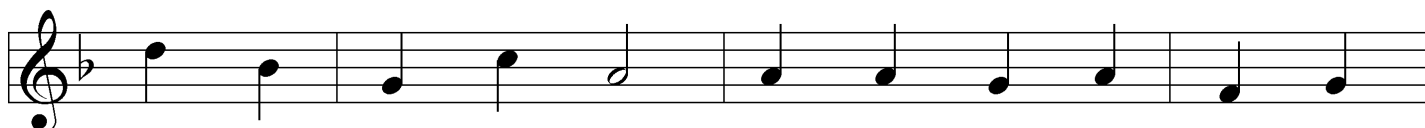
God, we owe, Source whence all our bless - ings flow.
 souls shall raise Grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.
 souls shall raise Grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.
 all our days: "Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise."

Text: Anna L. Barbauld, 1743–1825, abr., alt.
 Tune: DIX (77 77 77) Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872, alt.

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1 May the grace of Christ our Sav - ior And the
2 So may we a - bide in un - ion With each
3 Now with all the saints in heav - en Thanks and



Fa - ther's bound - less love With the Ho - ly Spir - it's
oth - er and the Lord, Gath - ered here in blest com -
praise to you we sing, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



fa - vor Rest up - on us from a - bove.
mun - ion By the pow - er of his Word.
Spir - it, Three in One, our tri - une King.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, st. 1-2, alt.; Carroll T. Andrews, b. 1918, st. 3, alt.
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Tune: STUTTGART (87 87) Christian F. Witt, 1660–1716, alt.

