



*20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
October 18, 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, WEDNESDAY & 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**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 18, 2020**  
**10:00 a.m.**

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

**GATHERING**

**Prelude**..... *Processional on “Llangloffan” (O God of Every Nation)*  
-Franklin D. Ashdown

**Ringling of the Church Bells**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

- P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.
- C:** **Amen.**

**P:** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(silence is kept for reflection)*

- P:** Faithful God,
- C:** **have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. 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 Hymn** ..... **WORSHIP BOOK - 841** *“Lift Every Voice and Sing”*

Vs 1 Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty.  
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies;  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
let us march on, till victory is won.

Vs 2 Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod,  
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
come to the place for which our parents sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;  
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

Vs 3 God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light:  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;  
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land.

### **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, Sovereign God,

C: **raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

Kids Talk..... Pastor Paul

**Psalm 96:1-13** (read responsively)

A: Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

C: **Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

A: Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

C: **For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.**

A: As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

C: **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

A: Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

C: **Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

A: Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

C: **Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."**

A: Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

C: **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD, for you come to judge the earth.**

A: You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

**First Reading** ..... *1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

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

<sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup>For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

**The Gospel Acclamation** ..... **WORSHIP BOOK - Setting 10 Page 205**  
*“Alleluia”*



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**The Holy Gospel**..... *Matthew 22:15-22*  
*(spoken)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” <sup>21</sup>They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he

said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon..... Rev. Paul Offhaus

Hymn of the Day..... **WORSHIP BOOK - 713**  
*"O God of Every Nation"*

Vs 1 O God of ev'ry nation, of ev'ry race and land,  
redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand;  
where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled,  
in love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.

Vs 2 From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,  
from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night,  
from pride of race and station and blindness to your way,  
deliver ev'ry nation, eternal God, we pray.

Vs 3 Lord, strengthen all who labor that all may find release  
from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase;  
when hope and courage falter, Lord, let your voice be heard;  
with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.

Vs 4 Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,  
when hatred and division give way to love and peace,  
till dawns the morning glorious when truth and love shall reign,  
and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

### **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: ...Jesus Christ our Lord.  
C: Amen.

**Time of Offering**.....*Improvisation on "I Am the Bread of Life"*

**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 Song**..... “Forever”

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King,  
his love endures forever.  
For he is good, he is above all things,  
his love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm,  
his love endures forever.  
For the life that's been reborn,  
his love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.  
Sing praise, sing praise.

*Chorus*

Forever God is faithful,  
forever God is strong,  
forever God is with us,  
forever, forever.

From the rising to the setting sun,  
his love endures forever.  
By the grace of God we will carry on,  
his love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.  
Sing praise, sing praise. *Chorus*

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**Dismissal**

**A:** Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**

**THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP LEADERS (10/18)**

Presiding Minister & Preacher..... Rev. Paul Offhaus  
Assisting Minister ..... Pete Newcomb  
Worship Leader..... Jay Heare  
Organist..... Martin P. Gigler  
Greeters ..... Volunteers Needed  
Deacon ..... Mike Burris  
Ushers ..... Greg & Jamie Robbins  
Altar Guild ..... Mike & Carol McLaughlin  
Media/Sound..... Jay Heare, Mike McGahey, Pete Newcomb, Lori Paul

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**NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP LEADERS (10/25)**

Presiding Minister & Preacher..... Rev. Paul Offhaus  
Assisting Minister ..... Steve Rieck  
Organist..... Martin P. Gigler  
Greeters ..... Chris & Julie Walda  
Deacon ..... Mike Burris  
Ushers ..... Greg & Jamie Robbins  
Altar Guild ..... Mike & Carol McLaughlin  
Media/Sound..... Jay Heare, Mike McGahey, Pete Newcomb, Lori Paul

## Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,  
 2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,  
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty;  
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;  
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,  
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet  
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
 come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;  
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,  
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,  
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last  
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Text: James Weldon Johnson, 1871–1938  
 Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE, J. Rosamund Johnson, 1873–1954

## O God of Every Nation



1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,  
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,  
3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease,  
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;  
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,  
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;  
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,  
from pride of race and sta - tion and blind-ness to your way,  
when hope and cour-age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;  
till dawns the morn-ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.  
de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.  
with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.  
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

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Music: TUOLUMNE, Dale Wood, b. 1934

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