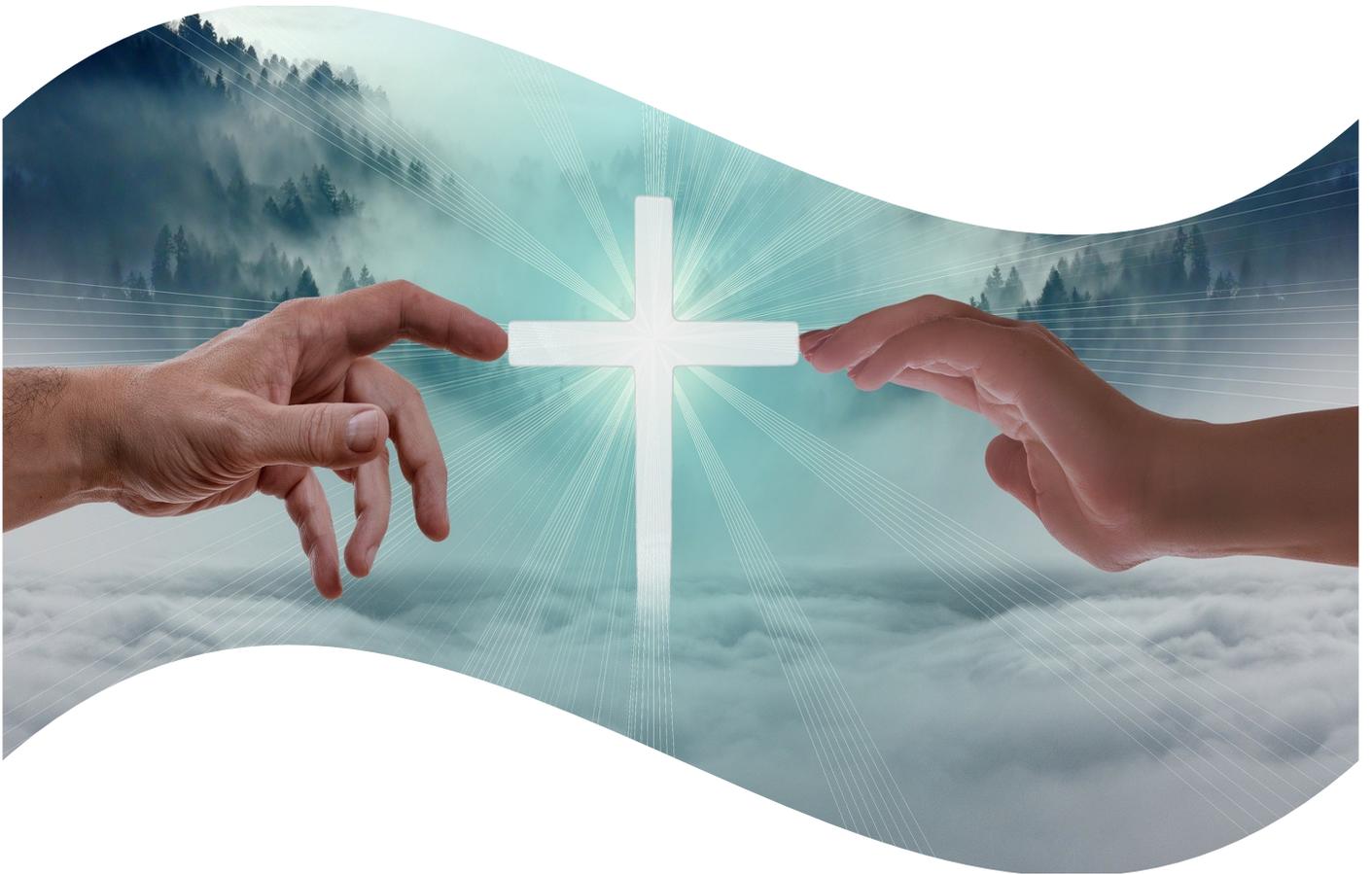


Welcome to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lancaster



Sunday Worship

Rev. Jamie Retallack
716-848-9683

16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 25, 2022

The Prelude
The Greetings
The Invocation

Opening Hymn

ELW 532

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Prayer of the Day

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Hymn of Praise



☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



☐ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

The First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Woe to those who are at ease in Zion
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,

Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and lounge on their couches
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the stall,
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David improvise on instruments of music,
who drink wine from bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146 (Read responsively)

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Put not your trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there is no help.

**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger. The Lord sets the captive free.

**The Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.**

The Lord cares for the stranger;
the Lord sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion,
throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The 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 Gospel Reading: Luke 16:19-31
Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said] “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon
Pastor Jamie Retallack

Hymn of the Day

LBW 429

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man
4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you still holds the



cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -



self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion in your face.

5 O Master, from the mountainside
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
oh, tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heav'n above
shall come the city of our God.

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Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

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Baptism (10:30am)

Prayers of Intercession

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

O God, rich in mercy, fill your church with righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Empower the baptized by your Spirit to be rich in good works and ready to share. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Protect the earth and its creatures. Provide water, food, shelter, and favorable habitats, especially for endangered species. Preserve threatened ice caps, glaciers, parks, and beaches. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Increase justice in nations, local governments, and courtrooms. Guide lawyers and those who hold public office to act with compassion and discernment (local authorities may be named). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Give food to the hungry. Set the captives free. Lift up those who are bowed down. Watch over the stranger. Tend to those who are ill (especially Elliana Meyers, Flip Roth, Beatrice Gill, Debby Taylor, Brianna Wood, Bernie Lewis, Jackie Engelbach-Uqale, Leah McCormack, Gary Basher, Edna Mann, Beverly). Stir us to act in the best interest of our neighbors. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Enliven our praise. Inspire musicians, artists, poets, and all who create beauty in this place (those who plan and lead worship may be named). God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Enfold the saints who have died in the arms of your loving care. Grant that the holy angels accompany us and bring us to eternal life with them in the light of your presence. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

**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 power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
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.**

The Prayers of the Church

God of grace, hear our prayer.

...Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit,
gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace

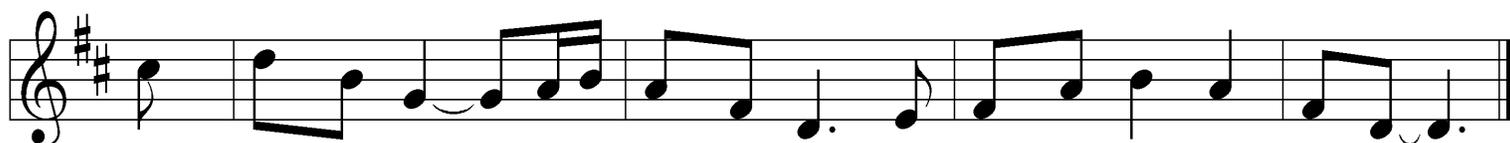
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

The Offertory Music

The Offertory Hymn



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

The Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

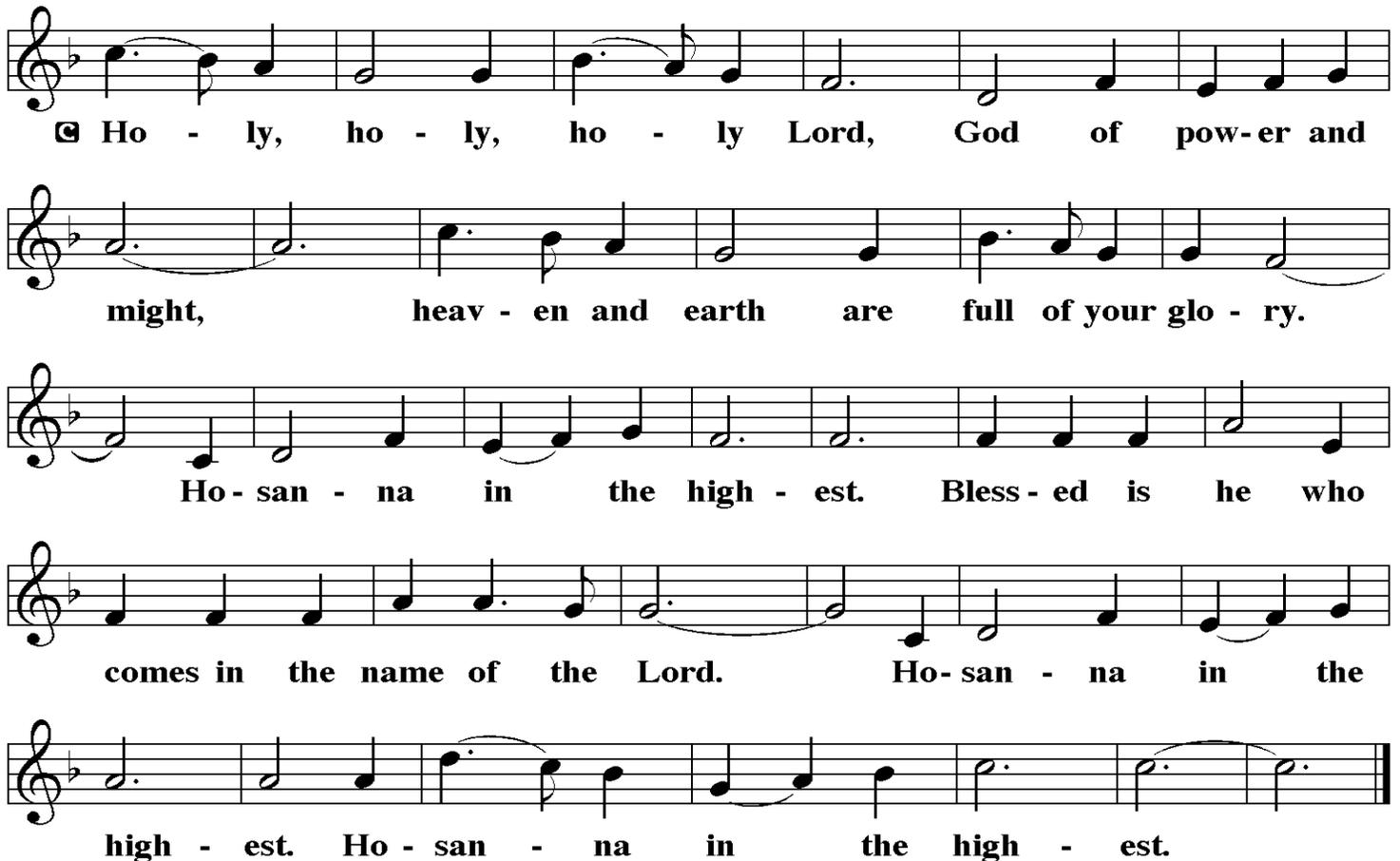
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took the bread, and after giving thanks He broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Invitation

The Lamb of God



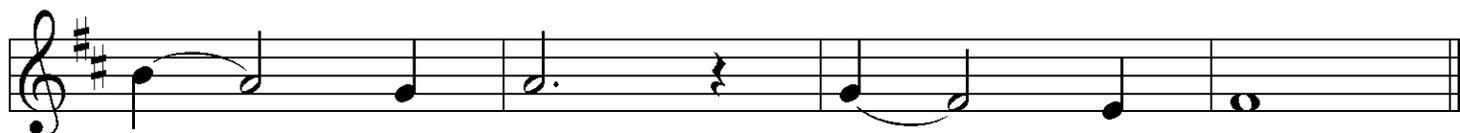
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

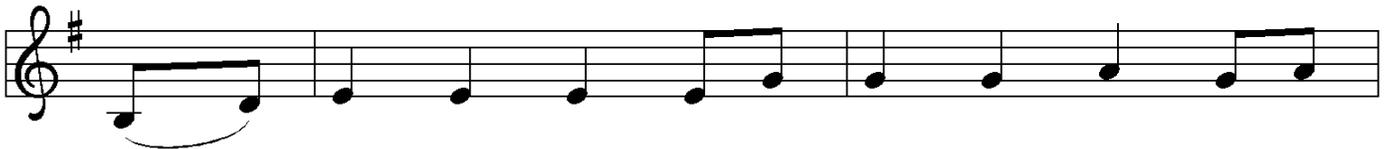
*Lord remember us in your kingdom
and teach us to pray...*

**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.**

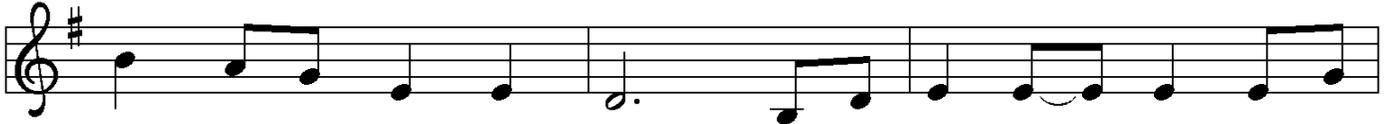
The Sending Prayer

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Benediction



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat

Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional

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The Sending
Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
Thanks be to God.



The People of St. John's Welcome You to Worship Today!

Baptism Blessings today for
Hailey Paige Marsh and her family.

We pray for Elliana Meyers, Flip Roth, Beatrice Gill, Debby Taylor, Brianna Wood, Bernie Lewis, Jackie Engelbach-Uqale, Leah McCormack, Gary Basher, Edna Mann, Beverly.

The flowers on the altar this week are in celebration of Irene and John Haefner's 40th wedding anniversary.

If you would like a pastoral visit for any reason, please call the office or call Pastor directly on his cell @ (716) 848-9683.

Confirmation Classes Resume: 10/2 & 10/16 @ 11:30-12:30
Confirmations are scheduled for Sunday, October 30th

This Week at a Glance

Sunday	9/25	9:00am	In person/Streamed Service Sunday School
Sunday	9/25	10:30am	In person/Streamed Service Baptism
Monday	9/26	4:30pm	Guiding Eyes
Monday	9/26	5:15pm	LYMA Golf
Monday	9/26	7:30pm	Chordsmen
Tuesday	9/27	9:30am	Quilters
Tuesday	9/27	7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Tuesday	9/27	7:00pm	Council Meeting
Thursday	9/29	1:00pm	Bible Study
Thursday	9/29	6:30pm	Handbell Practice
Thursday	9/29	7:30pm	Choir Practice
Friday	9/30	7:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Saturday	10/1	4:00pm	Wheelchair Football Game
Saturday	10/1	5:30pm	In person Service
Sunday	10/2	9:00am	In person/ Streamed Service Sunday School
Sunday	10/2	10:00am	Joysingers
Sunday	10/2	10:30am	In person/ Streamed Service
Sunday	10/2	11:30am	Confirmation Class

Altar Flower Arrangements are \$30 (for 2). To dedicate flowers please continue to use the envelopes provided at the church, contact the church office either by phone 716-683-8972 or by email at stjohnslancaster55@gmail.com. All dedications must be submitted and paid for by the Monday before the dedication date. Available dates: 10/2, 10/9, 10/23, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 12/4, 12/11, 12/25

9/11/2022: \$2760.00

BOOK CLUB

Please join us in the Memorial Lounge
on Thurs, Sept. 29th at 7:00 PM
to discuss Christina Baker Kline's novel, **THE EXILES**

The **Buffalo Bills wheelchair football team** (who practice in our lot Saturdays from 11-1) will be playing a game against the Cleveland Browns wheelchair football team. The Game is at Buffalo Riverworks on **October 1st at 4**. The cost is 5\$ children under 12, and veterans are free. If you would like to go but need a ride, please let us know and we can find a ride for you. It should be a lot of fun. Go Bills !

THE QUEEN CITY CHORDSMEN BARBERSHOP CHORUS

Will be performing a concert
October 22nd @ 7pm here @ St John's
Admission is a free-will offering
Refreshments will follow the concert
A quartet will be performing a sample on
October 9th during the 10:30am service

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Committees Forming and Reforming

When it comes to the Church it's not the Pastor or the council that determines our success it's the whole body of Christ, the congregation. With that in mind we are starting a few new committees and reforming some old ones. This is a great opportunity to get involved, share your skills and help St. John's be the best it can be. On **October 16th** we will have "**Sign-up Sunday**" where we will be encouraging everyone to consider signing up for one of these committees. Without further ado here are the committees:

- **Sunday School**- Helping our Sunday School offer the best Christian education it can
- **Youth And Family**- Planning and leading events and activities for our youth as well as young families
- **Worship and music**- Helping enliven our services with fresh ideas for our music as well as our worship
- **Property**- Helping to take care of the property we are blessed with, including the grounds and our buildings.
- **Congregational Care**- helping to care for our members in need, as well as social events

New Member Sunday - October 23rd

If you have been worshiping with us (doesn't matter how long) and would like to become an official member of the congregation, **October 23rd** is the day. **At both services** we will be welcoming new members and celebrating them joining us in our mission in Christ. We will have **coffee and snacks between the services**, so we invite you to stay after the 9:00 service, or come a bit early to the 10:30. It's also a good opportunity to **invite a friend or family member** who may be looking for a Church. If you have never joined as an official member and would like to, then please let the Church office know.

Upcoming Youth Events

Game Night

Sept. 25th 6pm-8pm

Bring water bottle—Snacks provided

"Night Lights"

October 9th, 6-9pm @ Griffis Sculpture Park
Hike in the lights. Wear sneakers/old boots or shoes.

Bring a flashlight, water bottle & snack.

\$14 per Adult, \$9 per Youth (7-12)

Families Welcome with RSVP

RSVP to Kelly Sieracki (716-868-3023) by 10/5

Trunk or Treat

October 23rd from 4-6pm @ St John's Parking Lot

Youth meet @ church by 3pm to set up

Youth help with clean-up

Halloween Pizza Party to follow

Deacons

9am RaeAnn Jakubowski

10:30am Kathy Snyder

Ushers

9am Carol Graham & David Rice

10:30am Rick Tomaszewski & Greg Wildridge

Lutheran Disaster Response: Eastern Europe Crisis

Checks or money orders can be sent to:

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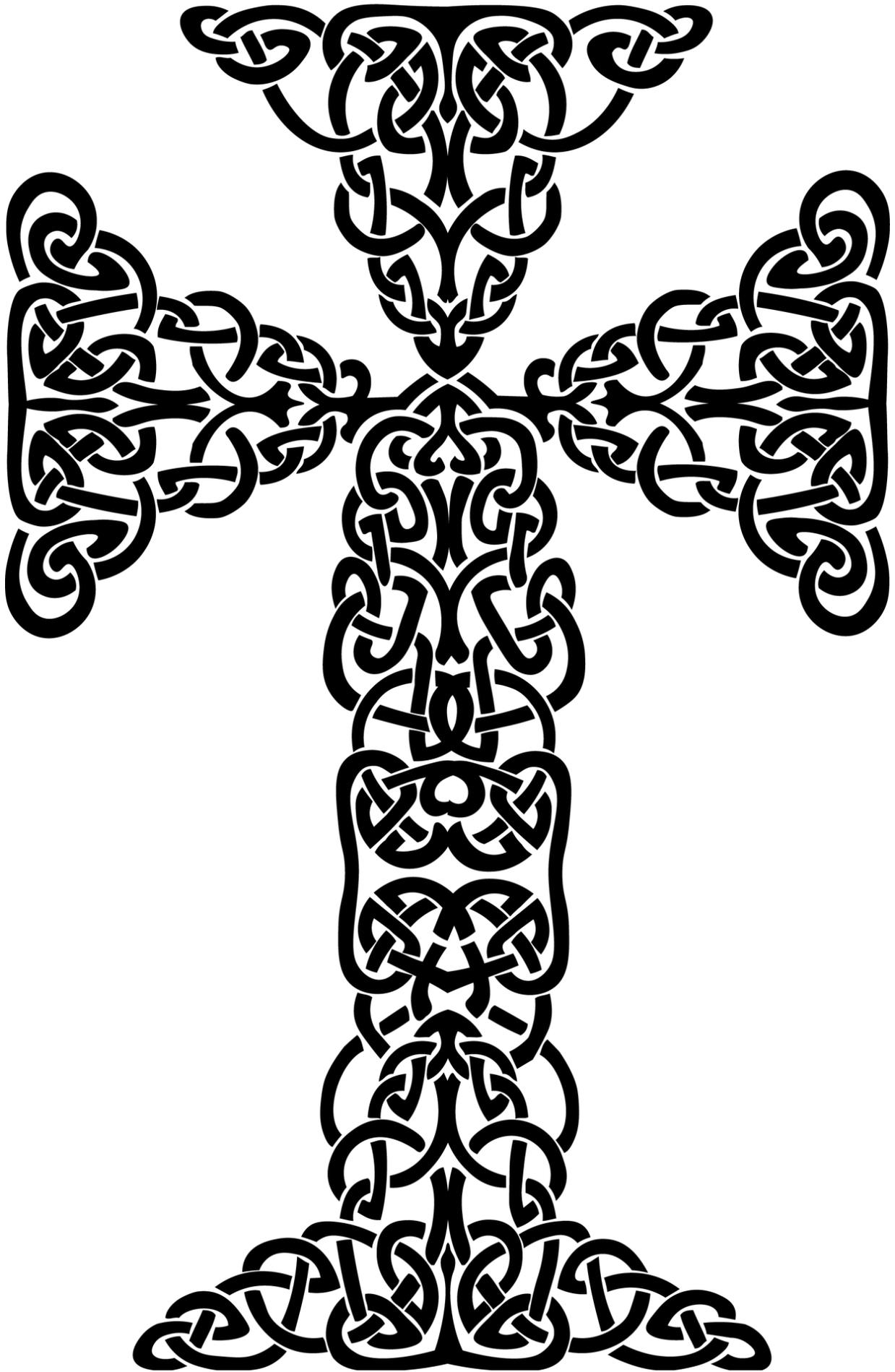
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Fight
the
Good Fight
of the
Faith

1 Timothy 6:12



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through worship, teaching, and fellowship to address
the spiritual needs of our congregation and community.
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