

God's Abundance Our Response

TIME AFTER PENTECOST
COMMITMENT SUNDAY
October 19, 2025 | 11:30 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDES

Fugue
(from Toccata and Fugue in E, Op. 65, no. 12/2)

M. REGER

Simple Gifts

SHAKER TUNE | J. SLAVENS

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Order of St. John

*WELCOME

Pastor Jon Haug

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Gratia et Iustitia

R. ENRIGHT

As music begins, please turn and face the Processional Cross.

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP

O God, so much of your world has become laden with fear and anxiety,
and it's easy to think that we are not enough.

Your calling for us is to see beyond what currently is,
and for us to realize our inherent abundance with You.

Your truth leads us to understand: "the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion,

for God loves a cheerful giver."***

****These lines are a direct quote of 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (NRSV), a guiding text for these weeks.*

Help us let justice roll down like overflowing waters;
and may we make righteousness grow like an ever flowing stream.

* You are invited to stand.



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free-dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
 for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
 Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
 Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
 on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
 our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home-land bright-ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
 O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
 In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
 dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
 your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

*GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people,
you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

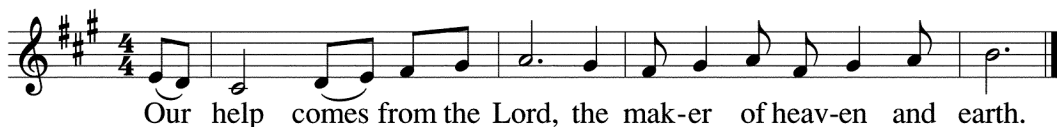
WORD

PSALM 121

Our Help Comes from the Lord

M. JONCAS

Refrain sung twice at beginning of song. 1st time by cantor, thereafter all. Verses sung by cantor.



Verses I lift my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. **Refrain**

May God never allow you to stumble! Let God sleep not, your guard.
Neither sleeping nor slumbering, God, Israel's guard. **Refrain**

The Lord is your guard and your shade: and at your right side stands,
By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. **Refrain**

The Lord will guard you from evil: God will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and forever. **Refrain**

Glory 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**

***GOSPEL PROLOGUE**

Holy one, soften our hearts and slow our racing minds to truly hear your living Word.

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL READING**

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Let the words of my mouth
**and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord,
our rock and our redeemer. Amen.**

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Assisting Minister Suzi Taylor

After each petition: God of grace,
receive our prayer.

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

*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.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks;
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, shed for you and for all people for the
forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

*LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
**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. Save us from the
time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome here at God's table. We believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine through the faith of those who gather. Jesus invites you to this meal that imparts God's free gift of grace.

We share the meal by intinction; as you approach the center you will be handed a wafer that you may dip into the wine or juice. Grape juice is in the smaller compartment, and gluten free wafers are available upon request.

If you do not wish to commune, you may come forward for a blessing.

Indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

WALTON
ELW HYMN 719

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.

*SACRAMENTAL BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and
keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

SENDING

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH HYMN

LLANGLOFFAN

O God of Every Nation

ELW HYMN 713



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.

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord,
and live God's love in the world.

Please help us secure the parking in a timely manner and avoid any "lock-ups" by having your vehicles out of either the parking garage or church parking lot by 2:00 p.m. (Special events will have parking times listed)

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher	Pastor Paul Baglyos
Presider/First Glance	Pastor Jon Haug
Assisting Minister	Suzi Taylor
Organ/Piano	Dr. Ryan Enright
Harp	Dr. Jacquelyn Venter
Flute	Bill Damian
Cantors in Rotation	Joel Barkel, Linda Bush, Dr. Ryan Enright, Heather Mercer, Kathryn Mercer
Altar Guild	Eliseo Paniagua
Eucharistic Servers	Terri Baumberger
Greeters	Bonnie Holmes-Gen
Ushers	Eliseo Paniagua
Audio Technician	John Bologni
Visual Technicians	Tim Reese, Esperanza Foft
Nursery Attendants	Amy Afoa, Helen Disho

ST. JOHN'S STAFF

Director of Missional Strategy	Rev. Paul Baglyos, Bridge Pastor
Director of Youth and Family	Rev. Jon Haug, Associate Pastor
Director of Worship & Music	Steven Johnson
Director of Communications and Community Engagement	Catherine Slabaugh
Director of Administration	Katherine Thorp
Associate Director of Volunteer Management	Joel Barkel
Associate Director of Worship & Music	Eliseo Paniagua
Property Staff	Matt Balara, Doug Droze, Julius Turner
Parish Nurse	Suzi Taylor
Organist	Dr. Ryan Enright
Audio Technician	John Bologni
Video Technicians	Tim Reese, Esperanza Foft
Nursery Attendants	Amy Afoa, Helen Disho

ST. JOHN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Oktoberfest Volunteers Needed

Saturday, October 25th

Oktoberfest is returning to St. John's, and this year's celebration is shaping up to be our biggest yet — but it won't happen without a fantastic volunteer crew behind the scenes. We're looking for helping hands (and joyful hearts!) to make it all run smoothly. Whether you love setting the scene, welcoming guests, serving food and drinks, or jumping in for cleanup, we've got a place for you. Please RSVP on Realm!

- Going Away Brunch for Ryan Enright

Sunday, October 26th | 10:15 a.m. | Oehler Hall

Beloved St. John's Organist of 14 years, Ryan Enright, will depart St. John's on Sunday, November 2 - to celebrate his remarkable tenure here, we're hosting a Going Away Brunch! Head to Oehler Hall after worship to enjoy brunch and wish Ryan farewell as he moves home to Canada.

- Worship Leaders Training

Sundays, November 9th & 16th | 12:30 p.m. | Oehler Hall

This training is for volunteers who currently serve or are interested in getting involved in altar guild, as a eucharistic server, lector, usher, or greeter. Steven Johnson, Director of Worship and Music, will speak to the spirit of serving in worship and Eliseo Paniagua, Assistant Director of Worship and Music, will walk-through specific service areas in worship. Longtime volunteers in each area will also share personal insight and tips & tricks for serving! Please RSVP to attend on Realm.

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

- Direct Services Volunteer Training | 12:30 p.m. | Oehler Hall

This training is for volunteers who currently serve, or are interested in getting involved, in the Pilgrimage Meal, Tuesday Midtown HART Respite, Afternoon Snack Stop, or Community Thanksgiving Meal. We'll enjoy lunch, hear from Angela Hassell, Executive Director at Loaves and Fishes, and break into small groups for ministry-specific conversations.

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